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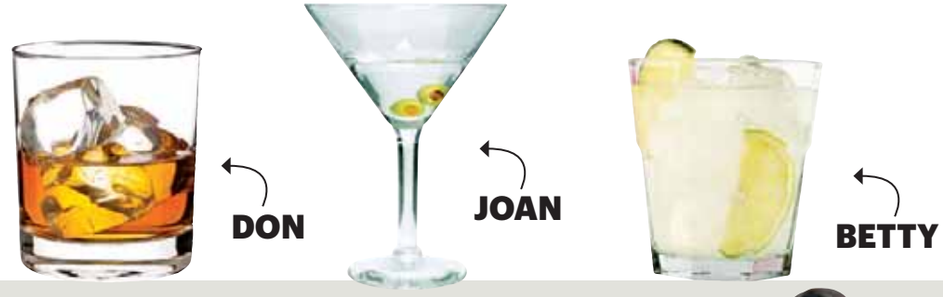

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CRIME

Facebook scam costs woman $125,000

A Nanaimo woman in her 70s lost $125,000 to a man she met online through Facebook, RCMP said Wednesday.

The woman accepted a friend request from a man she didn't know and over several months developed what she believed was a close relationship, police said.

The man, using the name Tom Brown, was supposedly an engineer for an oil company in Africa and was originally from the United Kingdom. He asked the victim for money to fix his work equipment and the money began to flow to the scammer.

The man then claimed he was involved in a serious motor-vehicle accident and asked for more money to deal with the medical emergency.

A supposed friend of the man then contacted the victim, saying Brown had slipped into a coma as a result of the accident.

The woman became suspicious earlier this month, broke off contact and reported the matter to RCMP. NEAL HALL/FOR METRO

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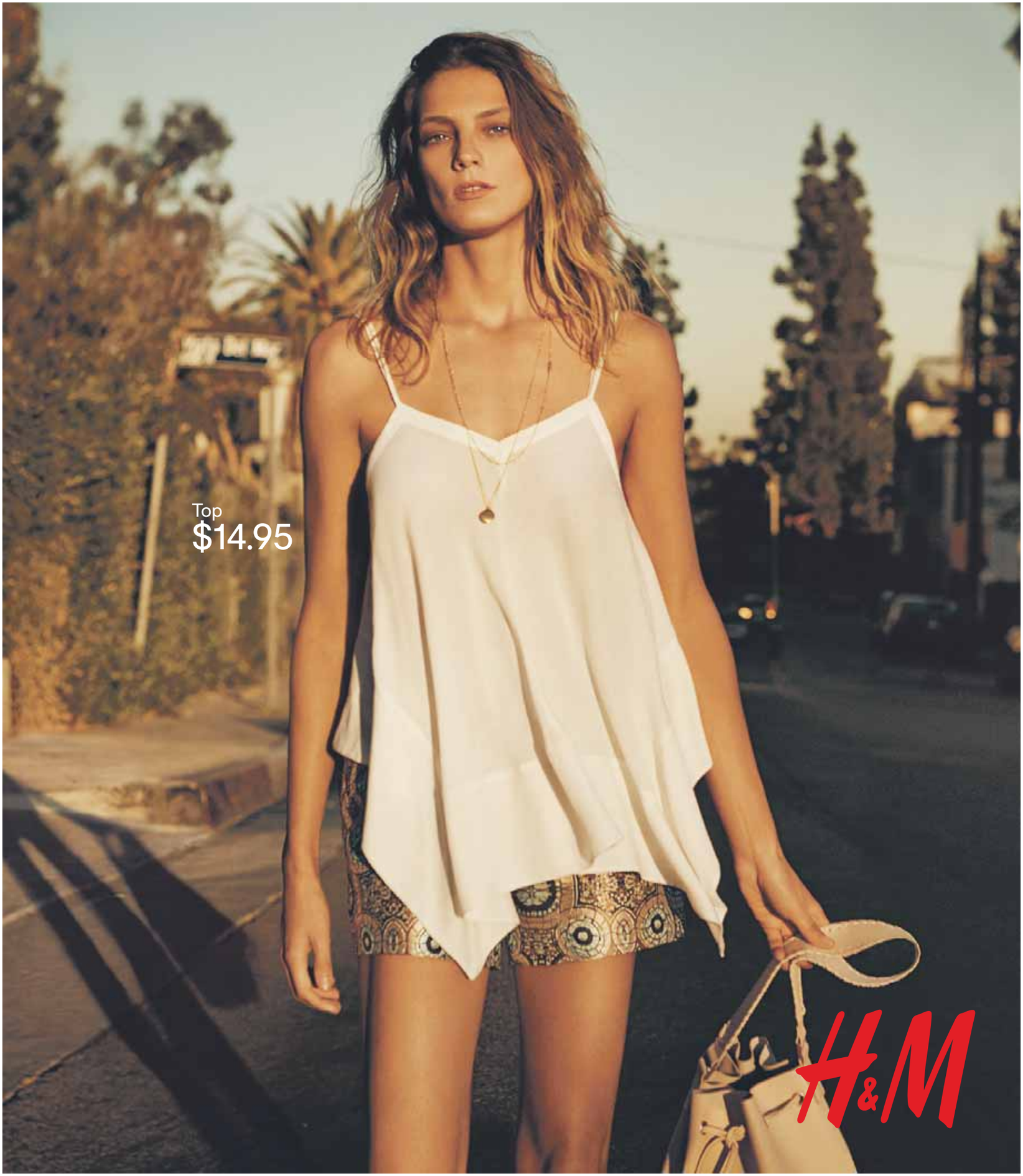
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BC FERRIES

Ferry rates set to increase by 2.9%

Ferry fares will be going up by 2.9 per cent, effective April 1, BC Ferries announced Wednesday.

The new rates will result in a 45-cent increase for adult ferry passengers travelling one way on the Horseshoe Bay-Departure Bay and Tsawwassen-Swartz Bay routes.

3.4%

BC Ferries had charged a 3.4% fuel surcharge, but that was removed last December.

A passenger vehicle up to 20 feet will pay an extra $1.55 for a one-way fare on the same routes.

Fares for vehicles and passengers will actually rise an average of 3.9 per cent, but will be reduced by a one per cent fuel rebate on major and minor routes.

Fares for vehicles and passengers on northern routes between Port Hardy, Prince Rupert and Haida Gwaii will increase by an average of two per cent, BC Ferries said.

The cost of making reservations, assured loading tickets and the buy-in level for Experience Cards will not increase on April 1.

"We know that fare affordability is an issue for our customers, and, because we've hedged a considerable amount of our diesel fuel costs over the next fiscal year, we are pleased to be in a position to introduce a fuel rebate, which will help lessen the impact of the tariff increase," Mike Corrigan, president of BC Ferries, said in a statement. METRO

INQUEST

Info pauses probe into sawmill deaths

The inquest into the fatal 2012 explosion at a Prince George sawmill is being adjourned because of new information.

Inquest lawyer John Orr says in a news release that WorkSafeBC knew for at least two years about a separate investigation commissioned by the lawyers of Lakeland Mills.

The BC Coroners Service says it was unaware of that probe until it came up during questioning of the mill's management at the inquest.

Orr says the information will have to be analyzed before an investigator from the Seattle forensic-engineering firm and witnesses for WorkSafeBC can testify.

Alan Little and Glenn Roche died from the extensive burns they suffered in the April 2012 explosion that also injured 22 others. METRO

An injection kit is shown at Insite, a safe injection facility in Vancouver. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Insite gets exemption

HEALTH

Feds making it harder for supervised injection sites

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Vancouver's supervised injection facility Insite has received its annual exemption to operate in the Downtown Eastside, but officials fear new federal regulations will make it nearly impossible for similar facilities to open elsewhere in Canada.

The 12-year-old facility operated by Vancouver Coastal Health announced Wednesday that Health Canada granted it an exemption to operate until Mar. 31, 2016.

The approval comes one day after the federal government passed Bill C-2, legislation which will make the application for such an exemption much more onerous.

"(Vancouver Coastal Health) is troubled by the numerous conditions set out in the new legislation, which will make it much more difficult for Insite to apply for an exemption in the future, and near impossible for a new supervised injection site to receive exemption under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act," chief medical health officer Dr. Patricia Daly said in a statement.

> **"Evidence of Insite's benefit in Vancouver is clear."**
> Health Minister Terry Lake

Insite has prevented thousands of overdose deaths, limited the spread of diseases such as HIV and hepatitis C and connected clients to detox services, Daly said.

There has not been a single overdose death at the facility where nurses have supervised more than 1.8 million injections over the past decade.

It's not clear what the strict new rules mean for Vancouver's Dr. Peter Centre, which submitted an application for an exemption under the old rules in January 2014.

"We are in the process of completing our response to Health Canada's request for additional information," executive director Maxine Davis said in an emailed statement.

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"I want people to know that they matter whatever their age, whatever they're going through …Their dreams and feelings are still valid. I want to help people to acknowledge that about themselves." – **Faith Malakoff,** Therapeutic Recreation

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TRIAL

Extradited man, 72, faces rape charges

A 72-year-old man was deported from the U.S. this week to face a 40-year-old rape charge that allegedly is related to a case in Prince George.

Raymond Douglas MacLeod was originally 32 years old when he was arrested and charged in 1974 with the rape, assault and indecent assault of a girl under the age of 10.

He was acquitted at trial but the Crown appealed and won a new trial. But MacLeod failed to show up for the second trial. Despite a Canada-wide arrest warrant being issued, he was never located.

Prince George RCMP eventually contacted Interpol for assistance. MacLeod was found to be living in California, where he was arrested and extradited to Canada to face the decades-old charges.

Now 72, MacLeod arrived back in Canada on Tuesday and is scheduled to make his first appearance Friday in Prince George provincial court.

He will face an additional charge of obstruction of justice, police said.

NEAL HALL/METRO

SAFETY

Liquid was hydraulic fluid, says Translink

A Vancouver transit bus might be in need of an exorcism — or at least a thorough cleaning.

It's a horror taking the crowded 99-B Line at the best of times, but last Thursday, it was like the elevator scene from The Shining.

A syrupy red liquid gushed out of the joints and down the walls of the bus, which was travelling to the University of B.C., sending passengers into a panic as they yelled to the driver to stop and pull over.

A video of the incident, posted on YouTube on Tuesday, is making the rounds on social media.

"What is that? It stinks," a passenger asks. "It's a horror show."

"It's flammable, possibly," another passenger ventures, jokingly adding: "Could be blood. We should probably stop the bus."

The bus continues moving for more than a minute before eventually coming to a stop.

On Wednesday, TransLink confirmed the leaking liquid was hydraulic fluid.

Although hydraulic fluid can cause irritation to the skin and eyes, and can be toxic if swallowed, the company said it has received no reports that any riders came into contact with the fluid.

A red liquid, which turned out to be hydraulic fluid, leaked down the walls of the 99-B Line last Thursday. YOUTUBE

The cause of the leak is still being determined. No one was injured, the transit operator said.

"We apologize to any of our passengers who may have been distressed by the incident," TransLink said in a statement.

THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

A SkyTrain arrives at Stadium/Chinatown Station in Vancouver. METRO

Transit plan would add $4.5B: Report

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Plebiscite 'yes' vote could add jobs, boost economy

Approving the transit plebiscite would result in 43,800 person years of employment, $2.96 billion in wages and would contribute almost $4.5 billion to the economy, says a new study.

The report, co-published by Green Jobs BC and Blue Green Canada, found that each dollar invested in transit would have a multiplier effect of creating $1.48 in economic benefits.

Titled Good Jobs, Clean Skies, the report said 6,000 people in Metro Vancouver currently work in mass transit and forecasts another 5,901 person years of employment each year until 2014 if the transit plebiscite is approved.

"This is a huge economic boost," Andrew Radzik of Green Jobs BC said Wednesday about the proposed Mayors' Council Transit and Transportation Plan, which would spend $7.5 billion over the next 10 years on regional transit improvements.

"It would create real jobs, good career-tract, family-supporting jobs.

"We look at jobs that preserve the environment and provide good employment," Radzik said of Green Jobs BC, which promotes sustainable communities.

> **"It would create real jobs, good career-tract, family supporting jobs.**
> Andrew Radzik

The Mayors' Council transit spending plan will not only create new jobs but will significantly reduce congestion, vehicle emissions and the environmental impact of transportation in the region, the study found.

B.C.'s Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act mandates a 33 per cent reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2020, based on 2007 levels, the report noted.

Transportation makes up almost one-third of greenhouse gas emissions in the region — the largest single source of emissions.

If the transit plebiscite fails to be approved by voters, traffic congestion in the region will double, costing an additional $1 billion a year by 2045, the report said.

Implementing the mayors' transit plan would reduce the costs of congestion by as much as 43 per cent, the report said.

The report was co-authored by economist David Fairey and Blair Redlin, a public policy researcher and former deputy minister of transportation.

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Gentrification blamed for rising room rents

HOUSING

Report finds landlords hike rents over basic renovations

Rents continue to rise in Downtown Eastside single room occupancy hotels as landlords do minor renovations to attract students instead of people on social assistance, according to the Carnegie Community Action Project's annual hotel and housing report released Wednesday.

In 2014 more rooms rented for more than $700 than ever before and average rents in privately-owned single room occupancies (SROs) increased to $485 from $469, according to the survey of 3,004 rooms in 68 buildings.

"Landlords are slapping on a coat of paint, putting in laminated floor and a bar fridge and raising rents well beyond what homeless people can afford," report co-author Jean Swanson said.

While many SROs badly require renovations, they're needed by those trying to survive on the welfare rate of $375 per month, she said.

"They're the last resort before homelessness. If there's nothing else to go in, and there isn't, we have to have them," Swanson said.

The number of people sleeping on the streets nearly doubled to 538 last year from 2013, according to the annual homeless count.

The Carnegie Community Action Project is calling on the province to raise the welfare rate that hasn't budged in eight years. It's also asking the city to slow down approvals for higher end projects until more social housing is built, enforce its maintenance bylaws and stop "renovictions".

EMILY JACKSON/METRO

The old North Star hotel, with the brick façade, in the Downtown Eastside will soon be renovated. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

REAL ESTATE

Prospective house buyer? Good luck

By 2030, average Metro Vancouverites will have to pack their bags and move to Langley if they want to live in a detached house they can afford, according to VanCity research released Wednesday.

That, or the millennials entering the market can embrace condo living for life since they probably won't be able to upsize, according to the report called "Downsizing the Canadian Dream."

The report analyzes property value and income trends over the past 15 years to determine how affordable the region will be in 15 year based on Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's definition of housing affordability as no more than one third of gross monthly income. Its analysis is based on median incomes.

Despite increasing costs, home ownership remains a primary goal for 75 per cent of millennials (people born between 1982 and the early 2000s), according to VanCity.

Vancouverites already pay a whopping 76 per cent of income towards maintaining their homes based on VanCity's calculations, but VanCity predicts that will jump to 108 per cent in 2030 when the average house price is expected to skyrocket to $2.1 million.

$2.1M

VanCity predicts the average house price will hit $2.1 million in 2030.

Homes are also expected to surpass the affordability mark in currently affordable suburbs New Westminster, Port Coquitlam, Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows, leaving Langley as the sole affordable place for those looking for a backyard.

But there's still hope for people willing to live in smaller spaces. Condos are appreciating far less quickly than detached homes and are expected to become more affordable in Surrey.

To ease the affordability crunch, VanCity recommends that city's build more multi-unit buildings suited to buyers who won't be able to upsize. It also calls on the federal government to use tax incentives to encourage developers to build rental housing. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

GOING GREEN

Vancouver wants to shift to 100% renewable energy use

The city wants to forget the fossil fuels and make do solely using renewable energy. City council voted unanimously Wednesday to support a shift toward using 100 per cent renewable energy sources in a renewed push to meet its "greenest city" goals.

"The future of Vancouver's economy and livability will depend on our ability to confront and adapt to climate change," according to a statement from Mayor Gregor Robertson.

Staff must report back by fall on a reasonable timeline to meet the goal. Currently, only 32 per cent of Vancouver's energy needs are met by renewable energy including electric power, heating and cooling. Council will also ask regional, provincial and national governments to make the switch.

San Francisco, Sydney, Stockholm and Copenhagen have similar goals.

EMILY JACKSON/METRO

City's ancient past meets today's consumer culture

ART

Sculpture features cars, old-growth tree base

Neal Hall
For Metro | Vancouver

A new sculpture to be installed Monday beside the Expo SkyTrain line and the Georgia Viaduct in downtown Vancouver will reflect the city's ancient past and its current throwaway consumer culture.

Trans Am Totem will feature an old-growth cedar tree base holding up four crushed cars with a gleaming Trans Am on top.

"It's an attempt to reconcile where we've been and where we are now," explained North Vancouver artist Marcus Bowcott, who has been working on the project for two years for the Vancouver Biennale sculpture exhibition.

He plans to watch it being installed next Monday at Quebec Street and Milross Avenue, located north of Science World.

"It's a contradiction of culture elevated above nature," he said Wednesday in an interview.

"In a sense, we trying to keep up with technology, but we seem increasingly out of step with nature — not just internally but externally."

Bowcott, 64, taught drawing and painting for 22 years until last year at Capilano University, when the studio art program was eliminated.

He is a graduate of London's prestigious Royal College of Art and became interested in the crumbling car culture when he spent his early years working on the tow boats along the Fraser River, where he saw stacks of crushed cars.

"I noticed cars being used as breakwaters along the Fraser," Bowcott recalled. "I love the design of cars — it's the closest thing people have to sculptures. The sculpture is a collision, of sorts, a metaphor for us being sealed off from others in our cars."

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> Artist Marcus Bowcott

The idea of mixing car culture with old-growth cedar is an idea he has played with for years in his sculpture and paintings.

The ancient tree base was from Vancouver Island and was donated anonymously.

A successful painter, Bowcott used more than $40,000 from the sale of his paintings to create Trans Am Totem.

To help pay for the final $6,500 cost of the heavy equipment needed to lift the work into place Monday, Bowcott launched an Indiegogo campaign.

A rendering of Marcus Bowcott's Trans Am Totem. CONTRIBUTED

HEALTH

Infection detector is 'totally novel'

A B.C. researcher has developed a handheld device that, when placed on a patient's abdomen, can instantly detect urinary tract infections.

Dr. Babak Shadgan, a sports physician and researcher at the University of B.C., said the device could change the way health-care professionals screen for UTIs, an infection of the urinary tract that is common in women, babies and the elderly.

"It's a totally novel concept in medicine," he told Metro. "We hope in the future that this will be a fast and cheaper method for detecting or at least screening people with UTIs."

Shadgan and his team were recently able to diagnose UTIs in 12 pediatric patients using the technology.

The wireless, credit-card-sized optical device works by sending near-infrared beams of light that measure tissue oxygenation in the bladder wall.

Comparing the results with measurements from the patient's thigh as a control site, researchers are able to determine when infections are present.

The current method for detecting UTIs involves analyzing a urine sample in a lab for white blood cells and bacteria, followed by a urine culture, which is expensive.

Still a prototype, the device is in the process of undergoing clinical trials.

If successful, Shadgan said the technology holds promise for patients most at risk of serious complications from UTIs, like children and people with neurologic conditions.

THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

Michael Healey takes on Stephen Harper in PROUD. EMILY COOPER

PROUD to take aim at Harper

BACKSTAGE PASS

Michael Healey skewers PM in foul-mouthed political satire

Graeme McRanor
Metro | Vancouver

If you missed Michael Healey's PROUD when it first opened at the Firehall Arts Centre, fear not — it's back for a second run starting April 7.

In this funny, foul-mouthed satire, Healey takes on Stephen Harper — and it doesn't matter what side of the theatre you're sitting, left or right — you'll be rolling in the aisles.

The comedy stars Andrew Wheeler, Emmelia Gordon and Kyle Jespersen, and is directed by the Firehall's artistic producer, Donna Spencer.

"Healey's PROUD has never been more relevant with the Harper government pushing through bills like C-51 and an election fast approaching," says Spencer. "Audiences at last season's production laughed at this witty, intelligent play, showing both their frustration and enjoyment of this inside look at Canadian politics.

The play opens for previews April 7. Opening night is April 8. It runs until April 25.

More information is available at FirehallArtsCentre.ca.

Famous Puppet Death Scenes

Created and performed by Calgary's Old Trout Puppet Workshop, Famous Puppet Death Scenes features famous scenes taken from some of the best puppet shows in history.

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Check it out from March 31 to April 19. More info at TheCultch.com.

Read local, buy local, think local

The first-ever Read Local BC opens April 1 and goes to April 22.

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> **Healey's PROUD has never been more relevant with the Harper government pushing bills like C-51 and an election fast approaching.**
> Firehall artistic producer Donna Spencer

TELEVISION

Vij leaves the Den to focus on restaurant

CBC-TV says culinary king Vikram Vij is leaving its reality series Dragons' Den to focus on growing his businesses, including a new Vancouver-based flagship restaurant. The restaurateur is currently overseeing the move of Vij's, which opened in 1994 on Granville Street, to a new, bigger space on Cambie Street.

"I'm sad to be leaving Dragons' Den because it's been such a wonderful and unique experience," said Vij in a statement. "But I have to prioritize my restaurant — Vij's is like my first-born child; and right now it needs all my time and concentration."

Vij also owns and operates Rangoli, My Shanti in Surrey and the Vij's Railway Express mobile food truck.

Meanwhile, Dragons' Den is adding entrepreneurs Michele Romanow and Manjit Minhas, who will join newly added business mogul Joe Mimran and returning titans Jim Treliving and Michael Wekerle on the judging panel. At 29, Romanow is the youngest dragon to join the series, where budding entrepreneurs seek investment from a panel of business bosses. The Calgary native is the co-founder of Buytopia.ca, one of Canada's top daily-deal sites.

Minhas is co-founder and co-owner of Minhas Breweries and Distillery. With her brother Ravinder, she lays claim to the 10th-largest brewery in North America, producing more than 90 beers, spirits, liqueurs and wines which ship across Canada, the United States and overseas.

The current season of Dragons' Den airs Wednesdays on CBC-TV.

"Michele is a millennial on a mission, having built four successful companies before her 29th birthday, and Manjit's entrepreneurial expertise covers everything from product development, marketing, manufacturing to global distribution," Jennifer Dettman, CBC's executive director of unscripted content, said Wednesday in a release. THE CANADIAN PRESS, WITH FILES FROM METRO

Vikram Vij
THE CANADIAN PRESS

RECREATION

Massive slip-and-slide to wind through city this summer

Dust off the pool noodles, Vancouver.

Utah-based Slide the City is rolling out its giant 300-metre slip-and-slide on North Vancouver streets this summer at the city's Car Free Day street festival on Aug. 22.

The length of about three NFL football fields, the giant inflated slide, which is doused with water, will run from Keith Road to Third Street in North Vancouver.

Sliders wind their way down the slide on inner tubes, with a complimentary mouth guard in place and a water gun in hand.

Coun. Linda Buchanan said council, which voted in favour of the slide, was unanimous in its support.

"We're all very excited about having it in the city," she told Metro.

"There's a lot of logistics that need to happen and we're going to work very closely with the community, but we just see this as a great family-friendly event."

The giant slide will roll out on North Vancouver streets on Aug. 22 at the city's Car Free Day. CONTRIBUTED

A self-described water slide fan, Buchanan said she can't wait to try it out herself.

"I have four kids and I don't know who is more excited, me or them," she said with a laugh.

Earlier this year, social media was buzzing with word that Vancouver's Main Street would be getting a slip-and-slide as part of that neighbourhood's Car Free Day event this summer.

But the city reportedly rejected that proposal, citing safety issues as a concern.

In North Vancouver, Buchanan said city staff is working closely with the company to ensure the giant slide is safe for users.

"Everything will be in place to make sure this is the safest event it can be," she said. THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

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WINNIPEG

Police didn't protect teen: aboriginal leader

Canada's top aboriginal leader is accusing police of failing to protect a missing 15-year-old girl in the hours before she was last seen alive.

Perry Bellegarde, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, said Winnipeg police didn't do their job when they came into contact with Tina Fontaine days before her body was pulled from the Red River wrapped in a bag.

Fontaine was in a vehicle pulled over by two officers more than a week after she was reported missing from foster care last August, but she was not taken into custody.

The Winnipeg Police Service said Tuesday neither of the officers will face criminal charges. One has been suspended without pay; the other is on paid administrative leave while the disciplinary process unfolds.

"They should have done their job," Bellegarde said following a speech in Winnipeg on Wednesday. "They are there to serve and protect our people."

Fontaine's death touched a nerve across the country and reignited calls for a national inquiry into nearly 1,200 missing and murdered aboriginal women.

Families of some of those women, along with volunteers, took to the Red River in their own boats to dredge the water in the hope of finding answers police have been unable to provide.

There is a growing frustration with the justice system's approach to missing and murdered aboriginal women, Bellegarde said.

The way Fontaine's disappearance was handled is "not accepted in today's society," he said.

"We've got to make sure we learn from the past and not make the same mistakes going forward," Bellegarde said.

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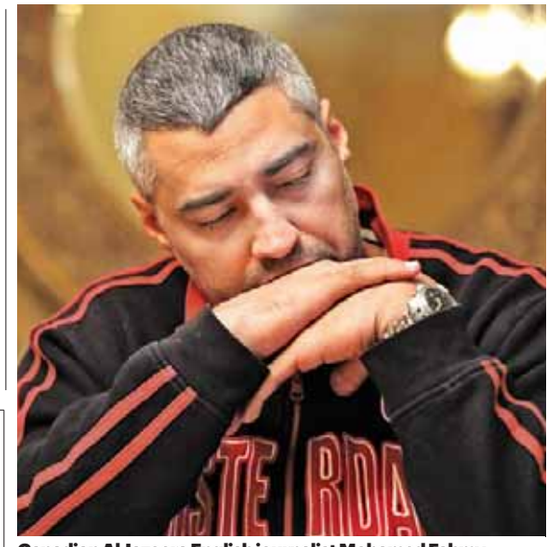

Canadian Al Jazeera English journalist Mohamed Fahmy pauses during a media interview in Cairo, Egypt, Feb. 19.

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Fahmy braces for 'nightmare of a trial'

EGYPT

Final verdict months away, journalist laments

A Canadian journalist undergoing his second trial in Egypt on widely derided terror charges steeled himself for an "excruciating" wait Wednesday after a judge ordered his case adjourned until the end of next month.

Mohamed Fahmy, who has been fighting for more than a year to clear his name and return to Canada, said the long gap between proceedings contradicts all suggestions that Egypt wants to expedite his case.

"This nightmare of a trial seems that it will extend for many more months to come before we see a final verdict," Fahmy told The Canadian Press.

"It seems like the judge is really taking his time."

The 40-year-old was working for satellite news broadcaster Al Jazeera English when he and two colleagues were arrested in Cairo in December 2013.

They were charged with airing falsified footage intended to damage national security and being part of the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood, which is now considered a terrorist group in Egypt.

The trio insisted they were simply doing their jobs.

After a trial that was internationally criticized as a sham, Fahmy was sentenced to seven years in prison but a successful appeal resulted in a retrial being ordered.

One of his colleagues — Australian Peter Greste — was abruptly released in February under a law which allows for the deportation of foreigners convicted of crimes, but Fahmy and his Egyptian co-worker Baher Mohamed remained in prison. They were granted bail after their retrial began.

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IN BRIEF

Former health premium unfair, says premier

Premier Jim Prentice says Alberta's new health-care levy will not be a flat rate.

Prentice says the rate charged equally to everyone under the old Alberta health premium system was unfair and regressive.

He says further details about the new fee will be in Thursday's budget.

The levy is a key element of a budget Prentice says will be the first step in getting Alberta's government off the wild swings in oil prices. Low oil prices are expected to drain $7 billion from the treasury this year.

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Witness hit Brazeau first, says defence lawyer

COURT

Trial to resume next week on charges of sex assault, assault

Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

The woman at the centre of the sexual assault trial involving Patrick Brazeau instigated the dispute by hitting him with her clothing and hands in his bedroom, a defence lawyer said in court Wednesday.

On the third day of the suspended senator's criminal trial his lawyer, Gerard Larocque, challenged the complainant's story of how the Feb. 7, 2013 incident started in Brazeau's Gatineau, Que., home.

"I'm going to suggest that during the moment Mr. Brazeau was talking on the phone in the bedroom you hit Mr. Brazeau with your hands, with your bra," said Larocque.

"It's completely false," the woman replied through an interpreter. "I did not hit him upstairs."

Larocque suggested Wednesday the reason she acknowledged not having held onto the bra and the shirt the entire time was because she had actually been hitting him with the bra while she and Brazeau were arguing in the bedroom.

She denied the claim.

The woman, who cannot be identified due to a publication ban, told a different story on Monday when she told the court he told her to leave his house without letting her dress.

According to her, he struck her from behind, pushed her down the stairs as she held onto the banister, and sexually assaulted her on the main floor that morning.

> **My life and the lives of my kids were in danger.**
>
> The woman, who cannot be identified due to a publication ban, at the centre of the sexual assault trial involving Patrick Brazeau.

Several photos showing bruises on her arms and legs as well as scratches on her back were entered as evidence in the trial on Monday.

The woman's bra, ripped shirt, and a pair of her jeans missing a button are also part of the Crown prosecutor's evidence.

Brazeau has pleaded not guilty to his charges of sexual assault and assault, which caused him to be booted from the Conservative caucus.

In a second attempt to attack the witness' credibility, Larocque had her admit in court to immigrating to Canada on false documents and claiming refugee status in Montreal seven years ago.

In court Wednesday, she presented passports that contained fabricated names and nationalities before explaining to the judge she obtained the fake documents to escape her home country.

"My life and the lives of my kids were in danger," she testified.

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Suspended senator Patrick Brazeau is on trial for charges of assault and sexual assault.
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TRIAL CONTINUES

The trial was originally scheduled to last three days, but lengthy witness testimony has pushed the trail into next week. The trial resumes April 2 when the Crown is expected to introduce more witnesses. METRO

QUEBEC

Abortion clinics to maintain service: Premier

The Quebec government will not limit access to abortion clinics, Premier Philippe Couillard repeated several times on Wednesday.

Montreal Le Devoir reported that quotas would be imposed on doctors under proposed legislation and could possibly lead to the closure of some abortion clinics.

It cited a ministerial working document that indicated abortion would not be considered a medical priority by the government.

But Couillard told the national assembly Bill 20 would actually increase access to health services, including abortion.

"There is absolutely no question of limiting in any way — directly or indirectly — access by Quebec women to abortions," the premier said.

"It's the result of a long battle, it's a part of our society that we will not change."

A Montreal women's health centre said it interpreted a draft regulation in the bill to mean that Health Minister Gaetan Barrette intends to limit the number of abortions that can be performed by Quebec doctors.

But Barrette told reporters that was an erroneous interpretation and that access to abortion will not be restricted.

Couillard also pointed out that the regulation would be the subject of consultations and people will have a chance to voice their opinion.

There were 25,899 abortions in Quebec in 2011-12.

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THE SELF-SURVEILLANCE GENERATION — PART II

The curated teen

Self-editing and the fear of missing out are keeping kids plugged in — and on edge

What does it mean for teens' development when they are constantly glued to social media? One psychologist fears we're raising a generation of anxious, superficial kids. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

> **You don't want to be someone ... people don't know. You want to be someone where everyone knows you and they want to get to know you.**
> Marlisa, 17, a student at a high school in Halifax

> **That project of creating a curated identity is endless.**
> Matt Johnson, director of education at MediaSmarts, a digital and media literacy group in Canada

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

Marlisa, 17, is standing in her Halifax high school cafeteria with her purse over one shoulder and a binder tucked under her arm. Her eyes are downcast, staring at her phone.

We eventually sit together.

"This is my Instagram," she says, proudly.

Most of Marlisa's 28 posts are selfies. Four are posed in front of the same floor-length bedroom mirror. The reflections show her sitting on the side of a bed, with part of a black dress tucked off to the side, exposing the brown skin of her upper thigh.

In every one, her eyes are fixed to the screen, watching herself.

"I want them to see that I'm independent and I don't need anyone to control my life," she tells me.

Experimenting with one's identity has always been a part of adolescence, but today, with the ubiquity of social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, this process is now happening online, where teens are able to curate their image finely.

Teens see this as a good thing. In their paper, called Will the Real Digital Girl Please Stand Up? Examining the Gap Between Policy and Dialogue and Girls' Accounts of their Digital Existence, researchers Jane Bailey and Valerie Steeves cite evidence that girls in particular gravitate toward social media because "it gives them control over their image and self-presentation" and lets them explore the adult world without their parents.

But Larry Borins, a clinical psychologist who works with teens in the Toronto area, believes this culture of self-surveillance that social technologies have created is leading to an increasingly anxious, superficial generation.

Self-editing and anxiety

Borins says the power of platforms such as Facebook and Instagram — which act as windows into people's lives, coupled with complex identity-play and a desire to feel connected to friends that defines adolescence — results in an obsession with self-editing.

"They're experimenting, but not really showing their true identity. They're showing only what they want other people to see of them."

This is supported by Bailey and Steeves' paper, which goes on to explain that more important for girls to be seen online, is not to be seen badly.

That means teens dedicate hours to painstakingly manage their online selves in ways Borins finds comparable to the condition of cognitive distortion — symptomatic of depression and anxiety.

He says sufferers are constantly comparing themselves against others, filtering out their positives attributes to only focus on the negatives, which are exaggerated and overblown.

Dopamine and the 'like' generation

Marlisa tells me people criticized the photo of her in the black dress.

"A lot of people said I didn't act my age, like I was acting grown-up. And I didn't take that as offence — I was like, 'OK, well that's a good thing.'"

Scrolling through her photos, another catches my attention: Marlisa standing in front of a change-room mirror wearing a teal bra and underwear.

I ask what she's thinking about when she posts these images.

"How many likes I'll get," she replies. "I care for likes, especially comments. If someone's like, 'Oh my God, you're pretty,' that makes me feel good."

This makes sense to Borins, who says shots of the happy chemical dopamine are released in our brains every time we receive a like or even an email notification.

And as humans, we are instinctively searching for that next dopamine rush — a new Facebook friend request, a like on Instagram or retweet on Twitter — which is what Borins believes keeps teens constantly checking their phones.

FOMO: Fear of missing out

Esther's eyes widen as she counts the hours she spends on her phone a day.

"Like, 23," the 16-year-old jokes as she swaps glances with her friend Mariam from across the cafeteria table.

Two iPhones rest on the table like centrepieces. Each admits she is addicted; they've been addicted to their phones since Grade 6, in fact. Both struggle to find words when I ask what happens on a day without their phones:

"I feel sick," says Esther.

"I'm so used to having it with me all the time that when I won't have it, I feel just like I'm just missing something," Mariam says. "Like even if I'm not using it, I just feel like I need to have it with me in my pocket, in my hand."

Fear of missing out, Borins says, is contributing to a youth culture where teens are too self-obsessed to learn empathy or how "to step into someone else's shoes."

"We see (pictures of) people at parties that we haven't gone to and all of sudden there is this tremendous sense of not being included, not being in the community that elevates the sense of missing out," he says.

39%

A recent survey by MediaSmarts cited that 39 per cent of teens sleep with their phones on so as not to miss out on anything.

He explains that overwhelming pressure to keep up with online appearances, not to mention dealing with threats of cyberbullying and harassment, is taking a dangerous toll on teenagers' self-esteem, even causing some to swear off social media all together.

An undocumented future

Borins fears that without some sort of intervention, a generation of self-obsessed teens will only grow up to become "emotionally unavailable" adults.

The culture of instant connectivity threatens to replace real interpersonal skills with those of online or text conversations, he warns, adding that young people are at risk of losing their ability to read social cues and handle the conflict.

It is in a teenager's nature to deepen their social relationships by watching and being watched by peers, according to Steeves in her 2012 paper: Hide and Seek: Surveillance of Young People on the Internet.

However, she argues that online socializing is rooted in numerous "surveillant properties," such as Facebook "stalking" that allows teens to learn details about their peers without ever having to have a face-to-face conversation with them.

The exact impact these trends will have on a teenager's development remains to be seen, says Borins. He says researchers have no definitive evidence about what the long-term effects of growing up online means for the teenage brain.

For now, all he and millions of parents can do is deal with an anxiety of their own, waiting to see what will happen when a social media-addicted generation of adolescents grows up.

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No plans to increase aid with expanded mission

There will be no new Middle East aid packages unveiled to accompany the proposed expansion of Canada's military mission against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, government officials said Wednesday.

Instead, Defence Minister Jason Kenney pointed to some $67.4 million already earmarked for relief efforts in Iraq, plus several hundred million more spent in Syria, as proof of Canada's humanitarian commitment.

"We really are a leader," Kenney said. "We'd like to see other countries step up to our level."

But aid workers and members of religious minority communities say it's Canada that could be leading a more co-ordinated response to a crisis that's left at least 200,000 dead in Syria alone and displaced millions more across in the region.

"We need to see a vision for the future because we don't see that," said Father Niaz Toma of the Chaldean Catholic Church of Canada, who was among those standing behind Kenney at Wednesday's news conference.

Chaldeans in Iraq have been among the religious minorities targeted by ISIL. When ISIL overtook the Iraqi town of Mosul, they ordered adherents to the faith to convert to Islam or face death, prompting a mass exodus of Christians. The conflict is not going away and people need to start thinking beyond emergency relief, Toma said.

Canada is currently part of five different international working groups studying responses to the threat posed by ISIL.

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Numbers

Canada has allocated more than $100 million towards the Iraq crisis, according to a tabulation of announcements on the Foreign Affairs website.

Last fall, Canada announced $5 million to stop foreign fighters from reaching Syria and Iraq, but only $1.1 million has been spent so far.

The UN received $600,000 to strengthen legal regimes in the region and $500,000 was directed towards promoting counter-narratives to extremism.

A further $5 million was allocated to deal with the issue of sexual violence.

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U.S. nudged Canada to expand ISIL air campaign, Kenney says

IRAQ MISSION

Expansion would include airstrikes in Syria

The United States made it clear Canada's precision-guided bomb arsenal and expertise would be welcome in Syria, Jason Kenney said Wednesday — a narrow glimmer of clarity in the Harper government's murky reasons for expanding its Middle East campaign to include the war-torn region.

The defence minister would not go so far as to say the Americans asked Canada to expand the scope of its airstrikes outside of Iraq, but did indicate that Washington left the option open for consideration.

"Let me put it this way: We have conversations back and forth and they made it clear that they thought our precision-guided munitions would be helpful," Kenney said.

The U.S. and some of its Arab allies — notably Jordan and the United Arab Emirates — are already conducting airstrikes in Syria against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

Britain, France and Australia are also conducting airstrikes, but not in Syria. The Harper government had initially restricted Canadian warplanes to Iraq only, but that changed Tuesday with the introduction of a motion to expand and extend the mission until March 30, 2016.

Kenney, Foreign Affairs Minister Rob Nicholson and Prime Minister Stephen Harper faced a storm of demands Wednesday to justify the bombing of Syria under international law.

In the Commons, Harper leaned on the U.S. argument — made to the United Nations — that Syrian dictator Bashar Assad had lost control of his territory, that ISIL represents a clear imminent threat to its neighbours, and that the Iraqi government specifically asked Washington to take action.

> **"Once again, the government is pursuing this action on exactly the same legal basis as its allies."**
> PM Stephen Harper

Kenney took it a step further, saying he has a legal opinion from the military's judge advocate general justifying the airstrikes under Article 51 of the UN charter.

That provision says a country can take individual or collective self-defence action if a member is under armed attack, but the invocation of that clause is usually followed by an international resolution authorizing force.

Legal experts in Washington, who've argued against the U.S. bombing campaign, say the self-defence justification requires an imminent threat, otherwise it's a preventative war — something the international community does not look kindly upon.

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair wondered during question period whether Canada had notified the UN or received a formal request from Baghdad to drop bombs in Syria, a question Harper studiously avoided answering. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Syrian Embassy sits vacant in Ottawa on Tuesday. Defence Minister Jason Kenney says the U.S. has indicated it would welcome Canada's help in Syria. Meanwhile, critics are questioning the legitimacy of expanding the ISIL mission into the war-torn country. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CRIME

RCMP make terror-related arrest in P.E.I.

The RCMP released few details Wednesday in the case of a 20-year-old man from Prince Edward Island who was arrested under a rarely used provision of the Criminal Code amid allegations that police feared he would commit a terrorism offence.

The RCMP issued a brief statement saying only that Amir Raisolsadat was arrested after a peace bond was ordered under Section 810.01 of the Criminal Code of Canada.

Information sworn in court in Charlottetown on Tuesday states that Raisolsadat, a student from Stratford, was released on conditions and must return to provincial court on April 20.

The court document indicates that RCMP member Alexis Triantafillou "fears on reasonable grounds" that Raisolsadat will commit a terrorism offence.

The RCMP refused to release any information about him or the specific nature of the alleged threat, citing an ongoing criminal investigation.

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STRIP CLUBS

Sask. premier cites trafficking concerns as reason for about-face

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall says his government is reversing its decision to allow licensed strip clubs because it's concerned about human trafficking and sexual exploitation. He says he believes it was a mistake to change provincial liquor laws to allow partial stripping in bars. "If, by this decision, we have inadvertently allowed for even a marginal increase in the chance for human trafficking, it's the wrong decision," Wall said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

EDMONTON

Khadr's bail lies in hands of judge

Lawyers for former Guantanamo Bay inmate Omar Khadr say he's optimistic, but not getting his hopes up, about getting out on bail.

Following a two-day hearing, an Edmonton judge said she needs time to make a decision on the "high priority" case.

Court of Queen's Bench Justice June Ross must first decide if she has the authority to grant bail to a Canadian appealing a conviction by a foreign court. If she finds she does — and if she agrees that Khadr should be released — lawyers are to return to court to argue his bail conditions.

Khadr pleaded guilty in 2010 to five war-crimes charges, including murder, for killing an American soldier in Afghanistan when he was 15. After nearly a decade in Guantanamo Bay, he was sentenced by a U.S. military commission to an additional eight years and transferred to Canada. He later admitted he pleaded guilty only to get out of Guantanamo and he appealed the conviction to a U.S. military court. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Utah faces firing squad controversy

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Tourism industry fears travellers may go elsewhere

Utah lawmakers say they took a pragmatic approach in approving the firing squad as a form of execution if lethal injection drugs aren't available.

Their thinking: Develop a backup plan in case a nationwide lethal-drug shortage persists.

But critics say bringing back the firing squad in Utah — the only state to use the method in the past 40 years — could tarnish the state's image with visitors.

Tourism is big business in Utah, home to world-class ski resorts and spectacular national parks. Travellers spent a record $7.5 billion in the state in 2013, and tourism dollars are linked to one of every 10 Utah jobs, according to a University of Utah report released this year.

But firing squad executions draw a different kind of attention — one Utah lawmakers decided 11 years ago that the state didn't need. Former state Rep. Sheryl Allen said Tuesday reinstating the firing squad as a backup could once again elicit criticism and give the state a bad reputation.

"I think Utah needs to be concerned. That's not what we want our attention on," said Allen, a Republican who sponsored the 2004 bill that did away with firing squads as a primary execution method.

Bringing back the method adds fuel to the fire for critics who point to other Utah oddities — such as its strict, sometimes confusing liquor laws — as reasons to steer clear, said David Corsun, director of the University of Denver's Fritz Knoebel School of Hospitality Management.

The firing squad could affect Salt Lake City's position in the competitive and lucrative convention business, Corsun said.

Large associations with members of varied political and social backgrounds try to avoid states where controversial laws recently have passed.

Current legislators and tourism officials, however, downplayed the new law's impact on Utah's image. State tourism director Vicki Varela said in a statement she doesn't think the firing squad presents a major problem because executions are rare and the possibility that the state will have to use its backup is remote.

The bill's sponsor, Republican Rep. Paul Ray, said the issue of firing squads in Utah is far less controversial than the ACLU and critics want to make it.

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This 2010 file photo shows the firing squad execution chamber at the Utah State Prison in Draper, Utah. Utah has passed a law that makes it the only state to employ firing squads if no lethal injection drugs are available for executions. TRENT NELSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

EXTREME WEATHER U.S. TORNADO SEASON BEGINS LATE
First responders look for survivors among the rubble after a round of severe weather hit a trailer park in Sand Springs, Okla., Wednesday. MATT BARNARD/TULSA WORLD, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CALIFORNIA

Suicidal man kills officer, dies

A man threatening to commit suicide unleashed a barrage of gunfire on Northern California officers called to check on him, killing a 14-year veteran of the San Jose Police Department.

Scott Dunham, 57, fatally shot Officer Michael Johnson, 38, Tuesday night, launching an hours-long manhunt for the gunman and forcing nearby apartments to be evacuated. The search ended when Dunham was found dead early Wednesday on his apartment balcony, San Jose police spokesman Albert Morales said.

Police had no communication with the suspect between the time Johnson was shot about 6:45 p.m. Tuesday and when Dunham was found dead more than eight hours later, at 3:20 a.m. Wednesday. It was unclear if he killed himself or died when officers returned fire.

"It's unfortunate that this person had the nerve, the audacity, to shoot at our officers that were responding to a call for service, for assistance," police Chief Larry Esquivel said.

Officers approaching Dunham's apartment building were met with gunfire. After Johnson was shot, authorities swarmed the area in search of the shooter. Johnson was a field training officer, but he did not have a trainee with him at the time he was shot.

Officers, armoured vehicles and a helicopter came from neighbouring law enforcement agencies and the California Highway Patrol. At 1:30 a.m. officers used explosives to breach the apartment and then used a robot with a camera to check inside. Dunham was found dead about two hours later.

Police were called to the apartment because Dunham reportedly threatened his wife and said he would kill her if "she didn't leave," according to the 911 police tapes. The woman left the apartment and called one of her children, who called police, according to the tapes released by police.

Johnson is the 12th officer to be killed in the San Jose Police Department's 166-year history. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Fraternal murder-suicide
A young teenager shot his two brothers Wednesday during an argument over food, killing one and wounding the other, before fatally shooting himself.

The shooting happened shortly after 6 p.m. in Hudson, Fla., a community in suburban Pasco County about an hour north of downtown Tampa, said Pasco County Sheriff Chris Nocco. The three boys lived in the home with their mother and an 18-year-old brother. The mom was at work, and the 18-year-old wasn't home.

The shooter, 13, shot and killed his six-year-old brother, and shot and wounded his 16-year-old brother, who called police, Nocco said.

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U.S. MILITARY

Brass doesn't want transgender soldiers

U.S. Defence Secretary Ash Carter has gotten pushback from senior military leaders on whether the Pentagon should lift its ban on transgender people serving in the armed forces, according to officials familiar with the discussions.

Carter initially told troops in Afghanistan that he was open-minded when asked if the Defence Department was planning to remove one of the last gender- or sexuality-based barriers to military service. But defence officials said members of his top brass told Carter that they had serious reservations.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

Military officials are reluctant to publicly discuss their opposition, but much of it centres on questions about where transgender troops would be housed, what berthing they would have on ships, which bathrooms they would use, and whether their presence would affect the ability of small units to work well together.

There also are questions about whether the military would conduct or pay for the medical treatment and costs associated with any gender transition, as well as which physical training standards they would be required to meet.

The military has dealt with many similar questions as it integrated the ranks by race, gender and sexual orientation. And in many cases they raised comparable worries about what effect the change would have on the force, including whether it would hinder small units that often have to work together in remote, confined locations for long periods of time.

Transgender people — those who believe their gender identity is different than the one they were born with and sometimes take hormone treatments or have surgery to become their chosen gender — are banned from military service. But studies and other surveys estimate 15,000 transgender people serve in the active duty military and the reserves, often in secret but in many cases with the knowledge of their unit commander or peers.

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Pilot locked out of cockpit before crash, says report

French President Francois Hollande, center, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, left, and Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy attend a news conference in Seyne-les-Alpes, France, Wednesday after a Germanwings jetliner crashed Tuesday in the French Alps.
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FLIGHT 9525

Investigators analyze audio from mangled black box

The first half of Germanwings Flight 9525 was chilling in its normalcy. It took off from Barcelona en route to Duesseldorf, climbing up over the Mediterranean and turning over France. The last communication was a routine request to continue on its route.

Minutes later, at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, the Airbus A320 inexplicably began to descend. Within 10 minutes it had plunged from its cruising altitude of 38,000 feet to just over 6,000 feet and slammed into a remote mountainside.

To find out why, investigators have been analyzing the mangled black box that contains an audio recording from the cockpit. Remi Jouty, the head of France's accident investigation bureau BEA, said Wednesday that it has yielded sounds and voices, but so far not the "slightest explanation" of why the plane crashed, killing all 150 on board.

A newspaper report, however, suggests the audio contains intriguing information at the least: One of the pilots is heard leaving the cockpit, then banging on the door with increasing urgency in an unsuccessful attempt to get back in.

"The guy outside is knocking lightly on the door and there is no answer," The New York Times quotes an unidentified investigator as saying. "And then he hits the door stronger and no answer. There is never an answer."

Eventually, the newspaper quotes the investigator as saying: "You can hear he is trying to smash the door down."

The investigator, whom the newspaper said could not be identified because the investigation is continuing, said officials don't know why the pilot left. He also does not speculate on why the other pilot didn't open the door or make contact with ground control before the crash.

Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, airlines in the U.S. don't leave one pilot alone in the cockpit. The standard operating procedure is that if one of the pilots leaves — for example to use the bathroom — a flight attendant takes their spot in the cockpit. It was not immediately clear if European airlines have adopted the same practice.

The names of the pilots have not been released.
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According to Germanwings, the victims included 72 German citizens, as well as 35 Spaniards, two people each from Australia, Argentina, Iran, Venezuela and one person each from Britain, the Netherlands, Colombia, Mexico, Japan, Denmark, Belgium and Israel.
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NIGERIA

Boko Haram abducts hundreds as human shields

Hundreds of civilians, including many children, have been abducted and are being used as human shields by Boko Haram extremists, a top Nigerian official confirmed Wednesday.

The news of the mass kidnappings comes as Nigeria prepares for crucial elections on Saturday.

Several hundred people were taken captive by the Islamic militants as they retreated earlier this month from Damasak in northeastern Nigeria, Mike Omeri, the Nigerian spokesman for the fight against Boko Haram, told The Associated Press Wednesday. He said he could not specify how many were taken captive but local reports say as many as 500 people were seized.

When troops from Chad and Niger advanced toward Damasak, Boko Haram began taking captives, said Omeri, speaking in Nigeria's capital, Abuja.

"Boko Haram ... rushed to primary schools they took children and adults that they are using as shields to protect themselves from the menacing advance of troops," said Omeri. "They are being used as shields by Boko Haram."

Damasak, near the border with Niger, was recaptured from Boko Haram on March 16. The kidnappings of civilians has only been confirmed now.

The soldiers who recaptured Damasak found the town largely deserted. Damasak had been held for months by Boko Haram, who used the trading town as an administrative centre.

The troops from Chad and Niger who now hold Damasak have discovered evidence of a mass grave, Chad's ambassador to the UN Mahamat Zene Cherif confirmed Wednesday.

Almost a year ago some 276 girls were kidnapped before dawn from a government boarding school in Chibok. Dozens escaped in the first couple of days, but 219 remain missing. The case of the missing schoolgirls has gained widespread international attention and spawned the #BringBackOurGirls campaign on social media.
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BACKGROUND

Elections

Nigeria's battle against the Islamic extremists is a major issue for the elections to be held Saturday. The six-year-old Islamic insurgency has killed thousands, including an estimated 10,000 last year. Boko Haram has vowed to violently disrupt the elections.
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YEMEN

President flees country

Yemeni President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi fled the country by sea Wednesday on a boat from Aden, as Shiite rebels and their allies advanced on the southern port city where he had taken refuge, captured his defence minister and seized the city's airport.

Hadi's departure marks a dramatic turn in Yemen's turmoil and means a decisive collapse of what was left of his rule, which the United States and Gulf allies had hoped could stabilize the chronically chaotic nation and fight al-Qaida's branch here after the 2011 ouster of longtime autocrat Ali Abdullah Saleh.

Over the past year, the Shiite rebels known as Houthis, who are believed to be supported by Iran, have battled their way out of their northern strongholds, overwhelmed the capital, Sanaa, seized province after province in the north and worked their way south. Their advance has been boosted by units of the military and security forces that remained loyal to Saleh, who allied with the rebels.

With Hadi gone, there remains resistance to the Houthis scattered around the country, whether from Sunni tribesmen, local militias, pro-Hadi military units or al-Qaida fighters.

Hadi and his aides left Aden after 3:30 p.m. on two boats, security and port officials told The Associated Press. The officials would not specify his destination. But Hadi is scheduled to attend an Arab summit in Egypt on the weekend, where Arab allies are scheduled to discuss formation of a joint Arab force that could pave the way for military intervention against Houthis.

His flight came after Houthis and Saleh loyalists advanced against Hadi's allies on multiple fronts. Military officials said militias and military units loyal to Hadi had "fragmented," speeding the rebel advance. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to reporters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yemeni President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi.
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Raffaele Sollecito, the ex-boyfriend of Amanda Knox, arrives at Italy's highest court building in Rome, Wednesday. ALESSANDRA TARANTINO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Knox conviction in error: Lawyer

MURDER TRIAL

Defence argues decision is a distortion of the facts

Amanda Knox's defence lawyer urged Italy's highest court on Wednesday to overturn the American's conviction in the 2007 murder of her British roommate, calling it a "grave judicial error."

Knox faces 28-1/2 years in an Italian jail for the 2007 murder of 21-year-old Meredith Kercher in an apartment they shared in the university town of Perugia, after being convicted by a Florence appeals court last year along with her former Italian boyfriend, Raffaele Sollecito.

Sollecito's defence will make its case on Friday, when the case resumes before the Court of Cassation.

Winding up Wednesday's full day of arguments, Knox defence lawyer Carlo Dalla Vedova said the Florence court's conviction of Knox "is not justice, it is a distortion of the facts."

He argued, that based on analysis of blood stains, including two handprints on the victim's pillow, in Kercher's room and elsewhere in the house the two women shared, "there is not one trace of Amanda in the room of the crime."

"We are confronted with a very grave judicial error that must be set right," he said before asking the court to overturn the 2014 guilty verdict.

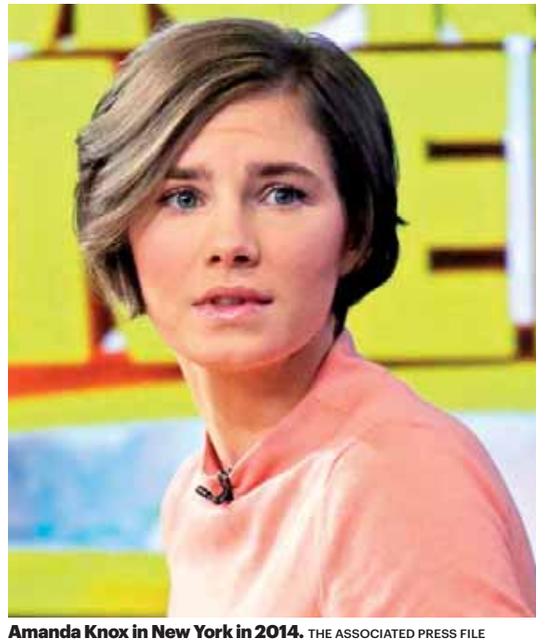
Knox maintains her innocence. She returned to the United States in 2011 after an earlier appellate court verdict acquitted the pair. She was awaiting the high court's decision in her home town of Seattle, and is "worried, very worried," Dalla Vedova said.

"I don't think she is sleeping much," he added.

Sollecito spent the day in court, joined by family members and supporters. Defendants are not permitted to address the high court. He remains free but his passport was seized after the Florence court sentenced him to 25 years.

The Cassation Court's options include confirming the guilty verdicts, raising the question of extradition for Knox; overturning the convictions and ordering a third appeals trial; or overturning the convictions without a new trial, tantamount to acquittal.

Knox and Sollecito were convicted in 2009 of the murder, then acquitted by a Perugia appeals court in 2011. The Court of Cassation, however, threw out the acquittal in a scathing decision, remanding the case to a Florence appeals court, which convicted the pair.



Amanda Knox in New York in 2014. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

The judge who presided over the appeals trial that acquitted the pair said the defendants have been "devastated" by the drawn out, contradictory decisions.

Now retired, Claudio Pratillo Hellmann, in comments to the Italian news agency ANSA, predicted that the United States wouldn't agree to extradite Knox.

> **I don't think she is sleeping much.**
> Amanda Knox's defence lawyer, Carlo Dalla Vedova, on his client's state of mind

Kercher family lawyer Francesco Maresca said he hoped the Cassation Court would reach a final decision, confirming the verdicts and ending the long legal saga.

"I hope that that family can remember the poor victim outside of the halls of justice after so many years," Maresca said.

The case generated intense media attention after Kercher's half-naked body was found in the apartment she shared with Knox and two Italian roommates in the university town of Perugia. Her throat was slit and she had been sexually assaulted.

Within days of her murder, suspicion fell on Knox and her Italian boyfriend of just a few days.

Knox has been portrayed alternately as a victim of a botched investigation and shoddy Italian justice, or a predator who falsely accused a Congolese bar owner of the murder.

Arriving for Wednesday's hearing in the ornate Palace of Justice, Sollecito was swarmed by cameras. The courtroom was so packed with legal teams and journalists that the presiding judge moved the proceedings to a much larger courtroom during a break.

Prosecutor Mario Pinelli challenged the defence argument that there was no clear motive for the killing. He said focusing on the motive was a "slippery slope" and that the high court should just concentrate on the evidence.

Pinelli also focused on Knox's accusation against the bar owner, Diya (Patrick) Lumumba, who employed Knox. Lumumba, who is adamant about Knox's guilt, was in court watching the proceedings.

Knox and Sollecito denied involvement in the murder, and said they had spent the evening at Sollecito's place watching a movie, smoking pot and having sex.

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Bell slammed over meddling report

BROADCASTING

Bell Media's head allegedly wanted Blais blackballed

Canada's broadcasting regulator has issued a sharply worded reminder to Bell Media that it has a statutory duty not to interfere in the work of its CTV journalists, calling a report of meddling "disturbing."

The warning follows a Globe and Mail article that says Bell Media president Kevin Crull intervened in how journalists reported a major regulatory decision last week. The decision had not gone the way the corporation had hoped.

The Globe says Crull demanded that journalists not give any airtime to Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) chairman Jean-Pierre Blais. CTV president Wendy Freeman is said to have communicated that edict to journalists, reportedly explaining that she feared for her job.

The Globe report says CTV Ottawa bureau chief Bob Fife, chief anchor Lisa LaFlamme and Freeman, ultimately refused to abide by Crull's edict.

Crull has apologized for intruding on the editorial integrity of the CTV's news team. He said he was wrong to try to influence the editorial decisions of CTV journalists and has "apologized to the team directly for this mistake."

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OIL INDUSTRY

Think-tank predicts slow crude recovery

The Conference Board of Canada delivered bad news for those hoping that the latest crude oil downturn will create only short-term pain.

The Ottawa-based think-tank predicts that Canada's oil industry will see a 37 per cent drop in revenues, a pre-tax loss of $3 billion and the 8,000 fewer jobs this year compared with 2014. And the industry is unlikely to bounce back as quickly this time as it did after the last major drop in 2008 and 2009, it said in a report published Wednesday.

Crude prices saw a much more drastic drop the last time around — touching records above $140 US a barrel and lows around $33 US in a half-year span — but by 2011, were back above $100 US. The U.S. crude benchmark now sits below $48 US a barrel, compared with $107 US last June.

"I know it looks rough right now but hopefully by the end of 2015, we start to see prices back towards $60," Conference Board economist Mike Shaw said.

The Conference Board's outlook through 2019 sees $80 US oil is the best it gets. The main reason is fracking technology that has helped unleash huge crude volumes from U.S. shale formations — a big contributor to the current slump.

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Dating site fined

PlentyOfFish has paid a fine of $48,000 after the CRTC found the online dating website violated its new anti-spam legislation. Complaints alleged PlentyOfFish Media Inc. sent emails that did not have a clearly labelled or easy-to-use unsubscribe option. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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IN BRIEF

Rules for charities unfair

Canada needs to catch up with Europe, Australia, New Zealand and even the United States when it comes to unshackling public policy advocacy by charities, says a report by the University of Victoria's environmental law centre. While businesses are free to deduct the cost of ad campaigns for tax purposes, tax rules for charities are confusing, arbitrary and potentially crippling, says the report.

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Picasso art up for auction

A radiant masterpiece by Pablo Picasso from the 1950s will lead an auction in May where it could top $140 million. Women of Algiers (Version O) will be offered at Christie's on May 11. The oil on canvas was part of a 15-work series Picasso created in 1954 or 1955.

The hefty pre-sale estimate hovers near the current record for any artwork sold at auction, held by Francis Bacon's triptych Three Studies of Lucian Freud. It sold at Christie's for $142.4 million in 2013.

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TAKEOVER CENTURY-OLD FIRMS MERGE H.J. Heinz is buying Kraft Foods Group, creating one of the world's largest food and beverage companies that will own brands such as Kraft, Heinz and Oscar Mayer. The deal that created the new Kraft Heinz Co., with annual revenue of about $28 billion US, was engineered by Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway and Brazilian investment firm 3G Capital, the company behind the takeover of Tim Hortons by Burger King last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

MEDIA

Postmedia cleared to buy Sun papers

Postmedia Network Canada Corp.'s $316-million deal to buy Sun Media's English-language newspapers and digital properties cleared a key regulatory hurdle Wednesday.

The Competition Bureau approved the deal as it ruled it is unlikely to substantially lessen or prevent competition.

The bureau cited a lack of a close rivalry between Postmedia's broadsheet newspapers and Sun Media's tabloid newspapers.

The regulator also said the media company will want to keep readers and maintain editorial quality to attract advertisers to its newspapers.

Postmedia already has one of Canada's largest chains of daily newspapers including the National Post and dailies in Montreal, Ottawa, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver.

The deal, announced last year, will add 175 newspapers and publications, including the Sun chain of daily newspapers as well as the London Free Press and the 24 Hours free dailies in Toronto and Vancouver.

The sale also includes the Canoe web portal in English Canada, part of the national sales team based in Toronto, Quebecor's Islington printing plant in Ontario and 34 real estate properties in Ontario, Alberta and Manitoba.

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Percentage of Canadians aged 18 to 24 who vote, according to a study by Samara. The study says youth drive down overall voter turnout, and are increasingly less likely to ever start voting.

Banks are designing our homes, and not for the better

ON ARCHITECTURE
Alexander Josephson

One of the upshots of the real estate boom over the last decade is that Canadians have, for better or worse, become armchair connoisseurs of design.

We hear people talking at dinner parties about how recladding a house in COR-TEN steel panels, upgrading kitchen counters with Corian, or adding an egg tub to a bathroom will increase their property values.

While these makeovers may have short-term payoffs, they reflect a Canadian predicament: People are focused on renovations, not architecture.

Since 2008, our banks have become famous for playing it safe. What many people don't realize, however, is the extent to which banks, in all their cautious glory, are influencing the design process.

As a result, Canadians' design dreams are getting stuck in second gear and architects looked upon as a luxury instead of a vital investment.

Whether you're a growing family, value sustainability, or cherish state-of-the-art design, people want architecture to be responsive to their tastes and lifestyles.

Say you decide to renovate or want to build anew. You need money.

But what you quickly realize in meeting with your mortgage specialist is that the bank is only willing to take you half the way home.

Canadian banks will typically finance 40 to 60 per cent of a property's value for renovation or rebuilding, depending on your personal circumstances.

At the end of the day, many successful younger Canadians are discovering that even with great jobs, good credit, and existing home ownership, you need savings, lines of credit, high-interest personal loans, and — for the lucky bunch — generous parents to help square the costs.

The 25-year mortgage is dictating a calibre of architecture the general public can ill afford.

Put another way, Mike Holmes has a prime-time empire precisely because it's too prohibitive to build comprehensive projects the first time around without exceeding available resources.

Sound design is a casualty of a chicken-and-egg tango between banks and real estate markets, neither of which are willing to invest.

It is this cycle — more so than permitting or building codes — that drives the quality and esthetics of Canadian residential architecture and is fostering a culture of compromise.

In many cases, unless you miraculously find a pot of gold to build what you really want, people have no choice but to accept lower price-tag, construction-grade builds.

Essentially, bankers are designing our homes, and the 25-year mortgage is dictating a calibre of architecture the general public can ill afford.

We need to look beyond the tips of our Corian countertops and start seeing architecture as a longer-term investment.

Alexander Josephson is co-founder of PARTISANS Architecture and a lecturer at the University of Toronto Daniels School of Architecture.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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Gay hair sweater? 'Hello?! Holocaust!' I'm pretty sure I yelled that in the newsroom.

There is a room at Auschwitz filled with piles and piles of human hair, braided or coiled into balls. I stood there five years ago in horror.

It's all I could think of when I first saw what's been dubbed the "gay sweater," unveiled this week in Toronto. The bulky, brownish sweater is knitted entirely of hair from gay people's heads.

By making something literally from gay people, the sweater's creators hope to underline that people, not things, are gay, and that the phrase "that's so gay" is always homophobic. But that wasn't the first message I got.

"Hello?! Holocaust!" I'm pretty sure I yelled that in the newsroom.

The Nazis harvested their victims' hair and sold it to companies, which used it for mattress stuffing, carpets, and socks. The creators of the sweater were either ignorant of the similarities and symbolism, I figured, or too arrogant to care. As upset as I was, I'm now guessing it's not as angry as gay people in California (or anywhere else) might be this week. A lawyer there is trying to pass a ballot measure that would make it legal to shoot them, point blank, for being gay. The Sodomite Suppression Act calls gayness an "abominable crime" that will bring "God's just wrath." To prevent that, it demands "any person who willingly touches another person of the same gender for purposes of sexual gratification be put to death by bullets to the head or by any other convenient method."

Long pause.

No, this is not actually going to become law. But In the meantime, it's generating headlines. Just like the gay sweater. And I can't stop thinking of Auschwitz and that room.

Jeremy Dias has also stood there. He's the founder of the Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity, which is behind the gay sweater project. He remembered how "among the failing colours of the hair this one piece of red hair was just so striking" that he and others burst into tears when they saw it. Dias had considered that some people might see a resemblance, but his project is nothing like what happened at Auschwitz, he said. By making that association, he argued, I was proving his point: Perhaps I didn't even think to get upset about the ubiquitous "that's so gay" because I've come to accept it as part of the way people speak. He's wrong. I do not think "that's so gay" is acceptable. But I might have come to expect it.

I'm also not being threatened with murder in California, however theoretical. Nor am I likely to be attacked for holding my boyfriend's hand here in Canada. The gay sweater is provocative on purpose in an effort to end hate. And in the context of that battle, my discomfort matters far less.

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Throw out the little black dress

TORONTO FASHION WEEK

Narces brings whimsy and luxurious fun to evening wear

Narces brought the party to the runway with a new collection punctuated by playful patterns, cute cocktail dresses and fanciful frocks.

"There's always an undertone of not-so-serious, have fun with your evening wear, enjoy what you're wearing," designer Nikki Wirthensohn said backstage at Toronto's World MasterCard Fashion Week on Tuesday.

"This was kind of the height of being whimsical and ... bringing out the sense of humour, I guess, in how you can dress."

Red-lip prints dotted on sumptuous short-sleeved dresses were the perfect embodiment of the collection's flirty, feminine and formal style fusion.

The vast spectrum of designs encompassed everything from flowing baby doll dresses to body-hugging sheaths.

Full-length dresses were richly adorned with swaths of strategically placed sequins, lace and embellishments. A luxurious jumpsuit was also showcased in the range.

The new line featured a palette of black, ivory, gold, silver, red and a combination of black and ivory in organza, lace, laser-cut satin, stretch knit, mesh and tulle.

> **There's always an undertone of not-so-serious, have fun with your evening wear, enjoy what you're wearing**
> Designer Nikki Wirthensohn

Wirthensohn said she was inspired by the work of Japanese artist Sachiko Kodama's ferrofluid art.

The process involves the use of a liquid (ferrofluid) that becomes highly magnetized with the presence of a magnetic field and forms a moving sculpture.

"We've got lots of dresses where the body is kind of forming that magnetic field." THE CANADIAN PRESS

FASHION NOTES

Chanel brings French Riviera to summer makeup line

Summer beach vacations may still be months away, but the French luxury brand is already transporting beauty fans to the Mediterranean coast. The latest Chanel makeup line is inspired by the French Riviera of the 1920s. Intense shades, bold eyes and sun-kissed cheeks set the tone as warm and glamorous.

While the French brand's Spring 2015 makeup collection placed the emphasis on the lips with explosive color, the new summer line focuses on the complexion, and on the eyes.

This season, the Chanel Makeup Creation Studio is introducing a new must-have item: the Stylo Eyeshadow. The perfectly portable, eyeshadow pen allows for precise application. AFP

The summer makeup look from the Chanel Méditerranée collection. CHANEL

TORONTO FASHION WEEK

Designer Sunny Fong on the dot with new collection for VAWK

A look from Sunny Fong's Dot Du Jour line. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sunny Fong made a colourful return to the runway at World MasterCard Fashion Week on Tuesday with his fall-winter collection for VAWK awash in vibrant shades.

While designers are known to comb pop culture for inspiration, the creative thread behind Fong's latest line unspools from an unexpected source: the 2009 hit family comedy Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs.

"I love the animation," the affable designer said in a recent interview.

"The colours in the movie really said something to me, and I thought: 'What would be more fun than to do a collection that's inspired by food and have all this colour? I'm used to doing a lot of black and white down the runway."

In his efforts to evolve in his work, Fong said he tries not to reference what he's done in previous collections.

"I think every season it just gets easier and easier, just because every time we just have more fun with the themes. I think when we get too safe with the theme then it becomes sort of difficult," he said.

"That's why we chose this theme, because it's totally out of the ordinary."

Fong also draws on '60s style influences and the pop art of late American icon Roy Lichtenstein for his new range.

> **There are other silhouettes that we're playing with that is a little bit of a departure**
> Designer Sunny Fong

"We still have the same VAWK woman, but there are other silhouettes that we're playing with that is a little bit of a departure."

Fong said the running theme for his new line is the dot, encompassing everything from buttons on beautifully structured coats to the shapes of the creations themselves — not to mention a nod to the Meatballs movie inspiration.

The inspiration does indeed comes full circle within the Dot Du Jour line, with the spherical shapes evident in the sculptural sleeved tops and voluminous skirts featured in the collection.

Fong earned recognition and fans within and beyond fashion circles when he was crowned Season 2 winner of the now-defunct TV design competition series Project Runway Canada back in 2009.

The designer has created collections in collaboration with eBay and dressed notable names including pop star Katy Perry and Canadian actress Elisha Cuthbert.

Fong still has aspirations to set up online sales, which he said is probably "the easiest next step." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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FASHION HOT TOPIC CLONES THE CLOTHES OF ORPHAN BLACK Clone Club members can now dress like their favourite Orphan Black character. The clothing store Hot Topic has launched a collection inspired by four of the main characters played by Tatiana Maslany on the Space serial. Outfits are crafted in the style of street-smart Sarah Manning, soccer mom Alison Hendrix, science geek Cosima Niehaus and the feral Helena. Products also include an "I (heart) Cosima" necklace, a cardigan adorned with Alison's beloved glue guns, and a long-sleeved mesh top with angel wings on the back, in homage to Helena. The collection is available April 13, although an online pre-sale began this week. The third season of Orphan Black premieres April 18 on Space. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tokyo men one step ahead of style

A Tokyo Fashion Week guest dons a jacket by Dissborn, shoes by Dr. Martens and hat by Kenzo. GETTY IMAGES

MENSWEAR

Future of men's fashion lives in Japan's striking streetstyle

Feminine glamour may turn the most heads at fashion weeks in New York or Paris, but in Tokyo it is the style-conscious men who set the sartorial trends.

From sharp futurism to wool-and-denim casuals, the finale of Tokyo Fashion Week earlier this month put the spotlight largely on menswear, aiming to promote the most dynamic area of Japanese clothes design.

"What happens here is probably the future of men's fashion," said Antonio Cristaudo from Pitti Immagine, a collection of fashion industry events in Italy.

"There's individuality, they want to be different," he told AFP. "It's important for all the fashion world to see what's happening in Japan."

Such innovation is nowhere more evident than on the streets of Tokyo, from the vintage and skater styles of Ura-Hara to the slick suits of the Marunouchi business district.

With sharp tailoring and eye-catching accessories, from hats and bags to shiny shoes, the get-up of Tokyo gents is striking to the first-time visitor.

"The menswear is just so much more exciting than womenswear here," said Misha Janette, an American fashion journalist based in Tokyo, who suggested the tendency for women to cover up meant their clothes could be "a bit shapeless."

For the men, meanwhile, "it's OK to do your hair, be into fashion, use skincare," Janette said. "They like to be proper in Japan."

Glasses, shirt, tie, waistcoat and suit by Thom Browne at Shibuya Hikarie in Tokyo. GETTY IMAGES

Although Tokyo's dandies shine at home and start trends that travel abroad, the success of Japan's own designers has been limited overseas.

The industry is now trying to change that with the new Tokyo Fashion Awards, backed by the city government, which push home-grown brands to emulate their leading lights such as Junya Watanabe and Rei Kawakubo, founder of Comme des Garcons.

The awards jury chose six brands, predominantly menswear-focused, which were seen to have international potential. The winners held a showroom at Paris Fashion Week this year and presented their autumn/winter collections in Tokyo on Saturday. AFP

FASHION NOTES

Emerging designer returns to runway as startup winner

After earning a lucrative emerging designer prize at World MasterCard Fashion Week, Sid Neigum returned to the Toronto runway on Monday with a fully produced show and a $30,000 bursary, giving his brand a welcome cash boost.

In 2012, the Toronto-based designer won the Toronto Fashion Incubator's New Labels contest and $25,000 cash.

Neigum earned an additional $2,500 last October for another victory tied to the startup contest by designing a winning outfit inspired by Minnie Mouse.

His line is now being carried by Hudson's Bay Co.'s luxury department The Room and Toronto boutique Jonathan+Olivia. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sid Neigum THE CANADIAN PRESS

East meets West in cool looks from Pink Tartan

Womenswear label Pink Tartan channelled international influences for its latest cool weather looks.

"I felt this is a really East meets West moment," head designer Kimberley Newport-Mimran said in a backstage interview at Toronto's World MasterCard Fashion Week on Monday.

Pink Tartan unveiled a range of cosy, snuggle-worthy textured knits and furs, paired alongside garments with relaxed kimono sleeves and tie-front detailing.

The designer cited a new outerwear piece as key for fall-winter. Pink Tartan had no shortage of fresh takes on cool-weather toppers, including shaggy furs and multi-pocketed coats. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A Pink Tartan cool-weather look. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Get mixing with Mad Men

What the Mad Men — and women — drink says a lot. With the final episodes of the season set to begin April 5 on AMC, we toast these characters with some signature cocktails from the '60s. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS;PHOTOS: AMC/LIONSGATE

VODKA GIMLET

Betty's break

This is Betty's signature drink and would most likely have been made with half vodka, half Rose's West India Sweetened Lime Juice served over ice. When the Cuban missile crisis looms and there's trouble in her marriage to Don, Betty orders a gimlet at a bar before engaging in a backroom tryst with a stranger.

OLD FASHIONED

Don's drink

Back then this would have been made with a cheap, blended whisky, possibly Don's favourite — Canadian Club. Start with a sugar cube and a few drops of bitters and muddle in a cherry and orange wedge, adding the whisky and possibly a lemon wedge garnish. These days, bartenders use a good bourbon or rye and add just a dash of sugar and bitters.

DRY MARTINI

Just for Joan

The show's second season picked up in 1962, the year Dr No informed the world James Bond drank a vodka — as opposed a gin — martini, shaken and not stirred. A traditional approach is 2 ounces vodka, 1/3 ounce dry vermouth, olive garnish. Unflappable Joan likely wouldn't care if it's shaken or stirred — and if you're serving this over ice, it doesn't really matter.

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Books from beyond the grave

READING

Highly anticipated releases from dead authors are all the rage

Mike Dojc
For Metro

Despite new releases coming down the pipe by adored and still-kicking scribes like Toni Morrison and Jonathan Franzen, the most hotly awaited fiction releases in the next 12 months come courtesy of stone-cold dead literary lions.

Publishers have unearthed and dusted off previously unseen books by beat generation icon Jack Kerouac, rhyme maestro Dr. Seuss, and if the rumours bear out, even more new work by high school English teacher favourite, J.D. Salinger.

But, if these manuscripts weren't published during their author's lifetime, might that not have been on purpose, and do publishers have any misgivings about potentially disrespecting late writers' wishes?

"That's a big question," concedes Jean Bernier, editor at Les Éditions du Boréal, the Montreal publishing house releasing La vie est d'hommage, a collection of previously unseen French-language Jack Kerouac work.

"Of course we'll never know what the author thinks about that, but if you're someone like Salinger or Kerouac, you're so famous that in part you belong to the readers, you belong to the history of literature.

"So I don't have any moral qualms (when we are talking about) such important writers — I think it's in the public interest."

> **... if you're someone like Salinger... you belong to the readers**
> Jean Bernier

Tom Graves, a partner at The Devault-Graves Agency that got the posthumous Salinger train chugging last year when they released Three Early Stories is far less diplomatic on the subject.

"Authors, schmauthors. Many of them are notoriously nitwitty about their books. Take J.D. Salinger. Please.

"He wrote in a dungeon for nearly 50 years and wouldn't show his writings to anyone — kept it all in a safe, " he says.

"But who knows? Salinger would have really hated the fact we republished three early stories of his, even though they are quite good and are examples of Salinger's muse before he nearly went mad in combat in WWII.

"He was a very changed man after the war and no longer felt his early work had value. I hate to tell him, but he is wrong," adds Graves.

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BOOKS

Posthumous new releases

What Pet Should I Get?

The brother-and-sister duo featured in this previously boxed manuscript discovered by Theodore Geisel's widow are the same kiddos who appear in One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish, dating the work from between 1958 and 1962. The rediscovered tome hits shelves July 28 and Random House has teased that there will be even more previously unseen Seuss in store.

That Which Does Not Kill

Stieg Larsson wrote three instalments of his Millennium series — a.k.a. The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo books — and planned to pen seven more before he died of a heart attack in 2004. Keeping it Swedish, writer David Lagercrantz revives everyone's favourite goth hacker heroine in a new sequel out Sept. 1.

La vie est d'hommage

Kerouac fans are giddy about this collection of texts preserved by Kerouac's brother-in-law, due out in the spring of 2016. The book includes the early '50s novel La nuit est ma femme as well a novella titled Sur le chemin, which despite translating to On the Road differs from the author's career-defining book. The nonprofit Library of America will publish the English version.

Cover unveiled for Harper Lee novel

JACKET ART

Go Set a Watchman will remind fans of Mockingbird

The cover for Harper Lee's new novel will remind you of the cover for her old one.

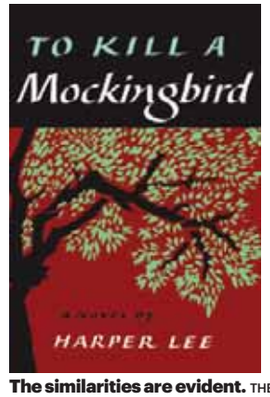
On Wednesday, HarperCollins unveiled the jacket art for Lee's Go Set a Watchman, the unexpected followup to her classic To Kill a Mockingbird.

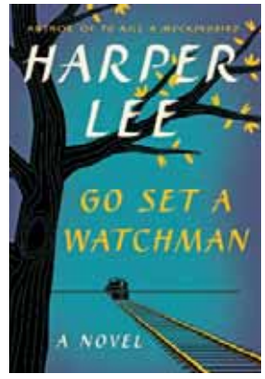
Like To Kill a Mockingbird, it features a moody illustration with an oak tree, but also train tracks and a train in the distance. In a statement released by HarperCollins, company president Michael Morrison noted that Go Set a Watchman begins with Mockingbird protagonist Scout Finch returning by train 20 years later, in the '50s, to her native Alabama.

"There are so many wonderful parts of Go Set a Watchman that it was hard to pick just one iconic image to represent the book," Morrison said. "This design is perfect — it draws on the style of the decade the book was written, but with a modern twist."

Jonathan Burnham, a senior vice-president at HarperCollins, said that creating an entirely new image had "certainly crossed our minds," but that he and others kept coming back "to the central idea that the cover should in some ways connect to To Kill a Mockingbird." An oak tree, Mockingbird fans know, can be found on the property where the reclusive Boo Radley lives, in Lee's fictional Maycomb, Ala.

HarperCollins has announced a first printing of 2 million copies and a July 14 release date for Watchman. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





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One Direction loses bad boy Zayn Malik

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MUSIC

The singer is parting ways with the pop group

Ned Ehrbar
In Hollywood

After five years, Zayn Malik is leaving One Direction. ALL AP/GETTY

Looks like the stress was more severe than we thought.

Five years after being cobbled together by Simon Cowell on The X Factor, One Direction has gone from a fivesome to a foursome, as Zayn Malik has announced that he is resigning from the hugely successful pop group. Niall Horan, Harry Styles, Liam Payne and Louis Tomlinson, currently on a world tour, will continue as a four-piece. "My life with One Direction has been more than I could ever have imagined," Malik says in a statement. "But, after five years, I feel like it is now the right time for me to leave the band. I'd like to apologize to the fans if I've let anyone down, but I have to do what feels right."

HIP HOP

Inside the mind of rapper Iggy Azalea

Just in case there were any lingering questions you had about how Iggy Azalea's mind works, Vogue subjected the Australian rapper to a rapid-fire list of 73 questions.

How they landed on 73 as a number is beyond me, but hey, the more you know.

For instance, her favourite TV show is Game of Thrones, and her superpower of choice is invisibility. And she loves tacos, because clearly she's a human being.

But some of the information she divulges to the magazine is rather revealing: "Four months ago, I got bigger boobs! I'd thought about it my entire life," she says, admitting she didn't initially want to share the information. "But then I decided I wasn't into secret-keeping." Obviously.

DIVORCE

Lena Headey on her split

Lena Headey, who plays reigning Game of Thrones ice queen Cersei Lannister, is a lot more emotionally open in real life, especially when it comes to discussing her 2012 divorce from Peter Loughran. "It's tough," she tells More magazine. "There's a lot of hurt and sadness and disappointment. Grief. Massive grief. It's a mourning process, and yet nobody's died." That's some impressive eloquence, right there.

MOVIES

Vin Diesel has high hopes for Furious 7

With the seventh film in Fast and Furious franchise set to come out next month and expected to rack up the kind of titanic global success the last few have seen, it's understandable that series star Vin Diesel might be feeling a bit bullish on its prospects.

Maybe too bullish, actually. "Universal is going to have the biggest movie in history with this movie. It will probably win best picture at the Oscars, unless the Oscars don't want to be relevant, ever," Diesel tells Variety. "This will win best picture. There is nothing that will ever come close to the power of this thing." Mr. Diesel, I'm glad you're so pleased with your latest work, but let's temper this excitement a bit, yeah?

Vin Diesel

FAN DRAMA

Rowling wins again

J.K. Rowling

Harry Potter creator J.K. Rowling wins the Internet once again, this time by calmly shutting down a reader who took issue with the fact that one of her characters, Dumbledore, is gay. "Thank you so much for writing Harry Potter," the fan tweeted. "I wonder why you said that Dumbledore is a gay because I can't see him in that way." Rowling, understandably good with words, offered back a simple: "Maybe because gay people just look like ... people?"

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What they're a$king

Townhouses offer a great alternative to conventional, single-family homes. And they're not all in the deep suburbs. You can buy one a mere 10-minute commute from downtown — a great value and convenience if you work in the city. Metro takes a look at some new and resale townhouses near the core of Canadian cities.

DUNCAN MCALLISTER FOR METRO

OUR CITY

$668,000

Vancouver

Next to Toronto, Vancouver is Canada's highest-priced market, although you can still get good value like this downtown luxury resale townhouse at 1060 Seymour St. Asking price is $668,000 and includes a private entrance and a split-level, two bedroom, two bathroom layout. The building is less than 10 years old, with 1,100 sq. ft. of living space and a perfect walk score of 100. Listing agent is Harry Kramm with Sotheby's International Realty Canada, 778-374-3100.

$579,000

Toronto

This spacious, two-storey, freehold townhouse at 265 Milan St., shows that you can still find a good deal on a townhouse in T.O. just outside the core. The property is listed for $579,000 in the Moss Park area, which lies on the verge of the revitalized Regent Park neighbourhood. It has a walk score of 97. Features include a bi-level living area, two-plus-one bedrooms, two baths, 12-foot ceilings and a gas fireplace. Listing agent Cesario Sousa is with Royal LePage Supreme Realty, 416-535-8000.

$324,900

Halifax

The Halifax-Dartmouth region has seen a modest but steady increase in home prices over the past few years. The Homes of Long Lake Village are a collection of custom-built townhouses and detached homes, located next to Long Lake Provincial Park. This unit at 628 Cowie Hill Rd., is listed for $324,900. The two-storey home has three bedrooms and four bathrooms. Listing agent Andrew MacDormand is with Royal LePage Atlantic, 902-453-1700.

$388,395

Winnipeg

Here's a brand new, four-unit, luxury townhouse development at 604 Jessie Ave. — in Winnipeg's Crescentwood community — listed for $388,395. Corydon Avenue is the place to be, says listing agent Darryl Walsh. The unit features an open-concept interior and private deck and yard, with two bedrooms and two bathrooms on two levels. Walsh works with Royal LePage Dynamic Real Estate, 204-989-5000.

$659,900

Calgary

This condo-style townhouse at 1804 23 Ave. SW in the popular Bankview neighbourhood of Calgary, has three storeys and attached garage with an asking price of $659,900, reflecting the size of the home with three bedrooms and four baths. The oil downturn has affected certain suburbs, Malick says, "But if it's a good home, it goes quickly." Malick is an agent with Re/Max Real Estate (Central), 403-216-1600.

Perplexing warning

Economists are confident that our lending systems are strong

Brent Jolly
For Metro

Although the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has recently sounded warning bells regarding the Canadian housing market, economists believe its concerns are being overplayed and should have little bearing on Canadian homebuyers and owners.

Earlier this month, the IMF released a research note that expressed unease with recent policy changes made by the federal government to help tighten mortgage lending rules and financial oversight.

"I find it perplexing," said Sherry Cooper, chief economist with Dominion Lending Centres (DLC).

"Without question, Canada has a stronger regulatory system (post-2008 financial crisis) than in any country in the world. If it isn't broke then why should we fix it?"

In its note, the IMF said Canada should consider consolidating its oversight of the financial system into a single body in order to "strengthen accountability and reinforce policy-makers' ability to identify and respond to future potential crises."

Currently, the regulation of Canada's system is overseen by a combination of different bodies, which include the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI), the Department of Finance, and the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation (CDIC).

Benjamin Reitzes, a senior economist and vice-president of economic research with BMO Capital Markets, is not convinced by the IMF's call for reform. Like Cooper, Reitzes said Canadian lending standards are strong and there is a high threshold for consumers to cross before being approved for a mortgage.

Canadian economists believe the International Monetary Fund's concerns are being overplayed and should have little bearing on homebuyers and owners. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Dovetailing their anxiety about Canada's regulatory environment, the IMF has reiterated its concern regarding Canadians' high levels of household debt, which currently sits at about $1.63 against every $1 of income earned.

On the surface, this comparison creates a "visceral" reaction, said Peter Norman, chief economist with Altus Group, but it should not cause Canadians to lose much sleep. This is because the IMF's calculation does not include household assets, he said.

"The net worth and the debt-to-asset levels of Canadians are very strong right now," Norman said.

This research note marks the second time in three months that the IMF has shone its spotlight on the issue of housing in Canada. In January, the organization issued a report that warned the Canadian real estate market could be overheated by anywhere from seven to 20 per cent, a claim that has been disputed by many industry experts.

STRATEGY

Gathering intelligence will pay off in long run

For some, the declaration to "do your homework" might bring back haunting memories of grade school. However, it is a strategy that could pay big dividends when the time comes to renew a mortgage.

"Not completing the proper legwork will do a major disservice to your wallet," said Robert McLister, founder of RateSpy.com, an online Canadian mortgage comparison site. "The more intelligence you can gather, the more likely your chances are of finding the best deal."

In addition to taking the proper time to compare rates from various financial institutions, McLister recommended investing time in searching to find the right professional to help with the renewal process.

He said that negotiating a mortgage is a complex process and working with a professional can help simplify the many layers of legal and contractual nuance. This is important, he said, because not every mortgage product is one size fits all.

David Fleming, a Toronto-based sales representative with Bosley Real Estate, said consumers should not be convinced that the lowest rate on a product will always provide them with the best deal over the long term.

Before signing, he said consumers must examine the agreement's terms and conditions.

"Not properly examining these small details could be financially crippling to consumers that will take out their entire return."

BRENT JOLLY/FOR METRO

From homeowner to cottage dweller

Camilla Cornell
For Metro

When Mike Bayer purchased Seabreeze, his two-bedroom cottage on Lake Ontario in 2010, he was well aware that he might have to do some dancing to get financing.

Bayer knew from experience that lenders often view recreational homes as inherently more risky, so both your down payment and the interest rate you are offered may be higher than for a permanent residence.

"The feeling is, if a borrower gets into some financial difficulties, they will place more importance on paying the mortgage on their primary residence," said Janine Weis, a mortgage agent with Mortgage Intelligence in London, Ont.

In addition, she said, under slow market conditions, cottages can take longer to sell, so lenders may fear that their interests aren't protected.

If you are considering buying a cottage you should probably visit your financial institution first to find out how much you can afford and get some pointers on what to look for, said Maureen Reid, a branch manager with Meridian Credit Union in Penetanguishene, Ont.

"There are different types of financing based on the type of cottage you're going to purchase," she said.

Like most lenders, for instance, Meridian differentiates between cottages that have plenty of amenities and are easily accessible, usable year-round and more centrally located, often with other cottages around (Type A), and cottages that are more remote and rustic, perhaps only accessible by boat and usable only in the summer (Type B).

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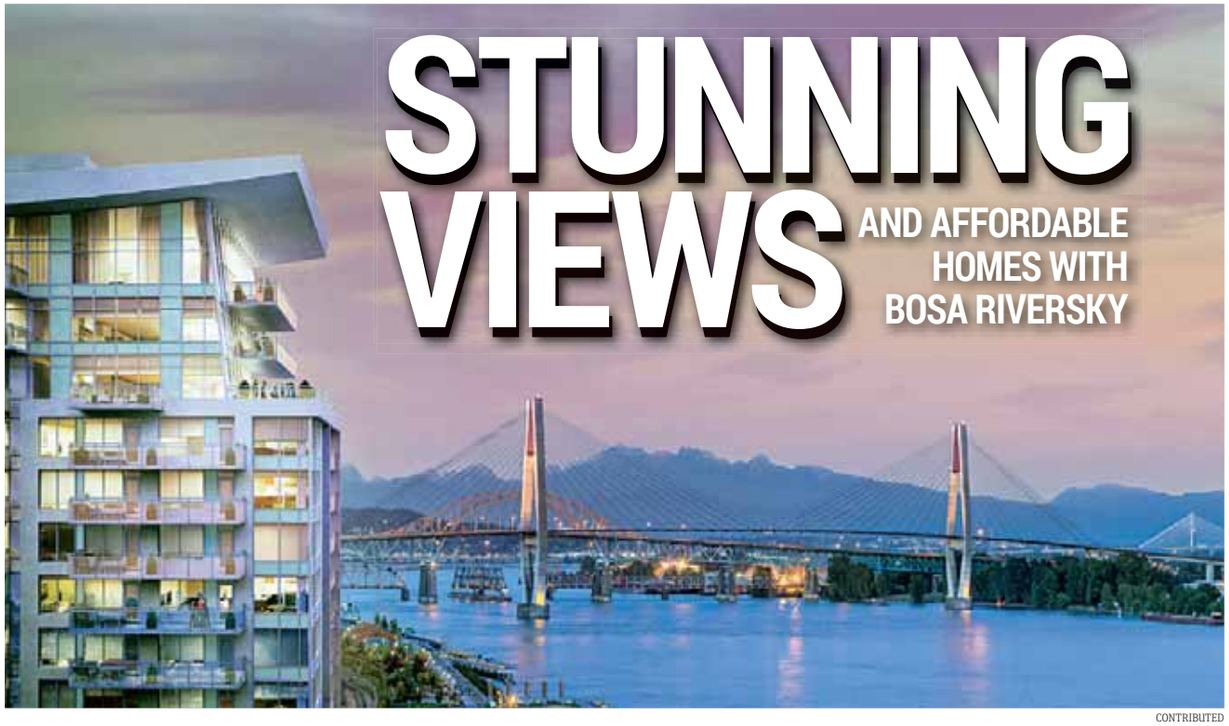

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The homes at RiverSky are more affordable on a per-square-foot basis than any other waterfront community in Richmond, Coal Harbour, or downtown Vancouver.

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RiverSky is a new condo development by Bosa Properties based in New Westminster that gives buyers, including families, everything they need in a neighbourhood.

"New West is an awesome place for kids to grow up," says Judy Graham, sales manager of RiverSky.

The city's 48 parks and green spaces are great for playing and exploring, starting from the newly redone 9.5-acre Westminster Pier Park on the waterfront just steps from RiverSky, where parents can find two playgrounds for preschool-aged children.

More entertainment and attractions are a short stroll away, including the Samson V Maritime Museum, Fraser River Discovery Centre, the World's Tallest Tin Soldier, and the Quayside Playground.

Situated on New Westminster's Esplanade boardwalk, near the city's iconic River Market, the waterfront is right on RiverSky's doorstep.

"The boardwalk is a great place to get fresh air and walk or ride your bike," Graham says.

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When the rain starts to drizzle, families will find lots to do at the River Market. Toddlers can join nursery singalongs and older children can hone their culinary expertise at one of the market's river critters baking classes, held by Paloma Bakery. When they want to get active, kids can drop in for a class at the Vancouver Circus School, located upstairs at the River Market.

"There's something for kids of every age," Graham says.

"And there's so much going on in the neighbourhood, so adults will find lots to do, too."

The development's two towers will rise up from the river's edge, just a two-minute walk from the shops of Columbia Street, great for meeting a friend for coffee or eclectic shopping close to home.

Also nearby, the Anvil Centre, a new $44-million steel-and-marble hub for the city, houses a 500-seat conference hall, city museum, new-media gallery, performing arts theatre, meeting rooms, art studios and other multi-purpose resources for the community.

Residents can see the latest blockbusters close to home, too — the 10 screens at Landmark Cinemas are a short walk away at the shopping hub at New Westminster SkyTrain Station.

The SkyTrain accessibility is second to none, Graham says. Hop on the train at New Westminster SkyTrain Station, and you are on a fast track to downtown Vancouver, Metrotown, Surrey and the Vancouver International Airport.

ENTERTAINING AND RELAXING

RiverSky's amenities provide the complete package, including the RiverSky Club, a spacious amenity space exclusive to residents.

Its fitness facility includes a fully equipped training gym and yoga studio for residents who are looking to get fit while staying close to home.

When it comes to entertainment, RiverSky has you and your guests covered at the fireside entertainment lounge with its full kitchen, comfortable seating and large-screen TV.

Curl up with a thermos of tea and a book, or meet your neighbours on the rooftop patio and terrace overlooking the Fraser River. The deck has chaise lounges, a fire pit, a harvest table and barbecue area. Residents can also relax in an expansive green space courtyard.

Those with dogs will appreciate the convenient pet wash and grooming station in Tower 2.

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The future of condos is Evolving

At Evolve, a new condo development by WestStone Group, based in Surrey's city centre, modern means warm and welcoming.

The suites range in size, ready to suit any homebuyer. They include studios, one, two bedroom and two plus dens, alongside townhome lofts and penthouses, all designed to match modern homebuyers' needs.

"Evolve represents the future of condos in Greater Vancouver," says Kiran Rai, marketing director for Macdonald Realty Platinum Project Marketing. "Condos at Evolve were designed to minimize work, and maximize convenience and affordability."

The minimal beauty of an Evolve home is apparent as soon as you set foot through the door. The interiors are bright and cheerful with ample lighting throughout, 8.5-foot ceilings, and natural light from the condos' large windows.

Finishes to the homes are clean and polished, including contemporary chrome hardware and easy-to-maintain wood grain laminate flooring.

Buyers will have the opportunity to express their inner designer in their choice of two colour palettes — contemporary light finishes or dramatic dark neutrals.

Kitchens define modern luxury with their soft-close hardware, stainless steel undermount sinks, quartz countertop and backsplash, and quality stainless steel appliances.

Cooking can move outdoors, thanks to the spacious balconies, which leave lots of room for barbecuing and drinks with friends.

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At Evolve's heart, the building is solid to the core. Its concrete construction provides natural sound and temperature insulation, and gives residents the assurance their home will be strong and durable for years to come.

Traditionally, concrete tower homes are priced higher than wood frame homes, due to the high cost of construction. Unlike other concrete tower homes, homes at Evolve start at a remarkable $93,900.

With all the fine finishes at Evolve, residents might be tempted to stay at home, but there are lots of amenities to explore within the development. A fully equipped gym and fitness room gives residents no excuses when it comes to getting their exercise.

When you are looking to entertain guests beyond that balcony barbecue, bring your friends to the theatre and multimedia room, or cook together in the social room with its fully-equipped kitchen, perfect for hosting social gatherings.

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In Greater Vancouver's competitive real estate market, WestStone Group has upped the ante.

WestStone, working together with their lenders and Macdonald Realty Platinum Project Marketing, has announced a promotion for the first 200 purchasers of a luxury condo at Evolve in Surrey. Buyers can own for as little as $1 per day for the first year of mortgage payments.

If the starting price of $93,900 wasn't enough, this promotion provides even more incentive for shoppers to purchase a concrete home in Evolve as the development project readies for the first group of condos to be released for sale in April.

For the first 200 buyers, every housing size and type in the 35-storey concrete building will be offered with a reduced mortgage. Monthly mortgage payments in the first year range in price based on level and layout. For example, a mortgage for a fourth-floor, north-facing studio will go for $1 a day, or $30 per month, and a junior two-bedroom suite on the 18th floor will go for $12 a day, or $360 per month. Ninety per cent of the homes are less than $20 a day for the first year.

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"We offer this sales incentive for one reason," says Bill Morrison, president of Macdonald Realty Platinum Project Marketing. "We want there to be no doubt that this is the best value for a concrete tower in Canada."

Surrey is one of the top places in Canada to invest in real estate, thanks to the more than $7 billion invested in Surrey's city centre over the last eight years.

With Surrey's job market strong and getting stronger, the market for rentals is excellent. According to a recent study, Surrey welcomes more than 1,000 new residents each month.

Visit the Evolve sales centre at 13328 104 Ave., in Surrey, and download the free Evolve app, available on iTunes and Google Play, to experience Evolve in 3D using the interactive brochure.

A YOUTHFUL URBAN CENTRE

Young people looking to live in an urban centre in the Lower Mainland are increasingly choosing Surrey.

The city is a hub for jobs for young people. Surrey city council recently announced it had helped more than 1,500 young people in Surrey get apprenticeships since 2012. Opportunities abound for young people in the city.

Just a short walk from Evolve, Surrey city centre is clustered with world-class amenities, including the Surrey Central SkyTrain Station, the Bing-Thom-designed flagship library, civic plaza, new city hall and the new performing arts centre.

Evolve is great for residents who are attending university, too. Simon Fraser University's state-of-the-art Surrey campus is located at the nearby Central City.

Evolve residents can also access offices, a shopping centre, an Arts Umbrella satellite location, recreational facilities, all surrounded by 45 hectares of parkland within a short walk from home.

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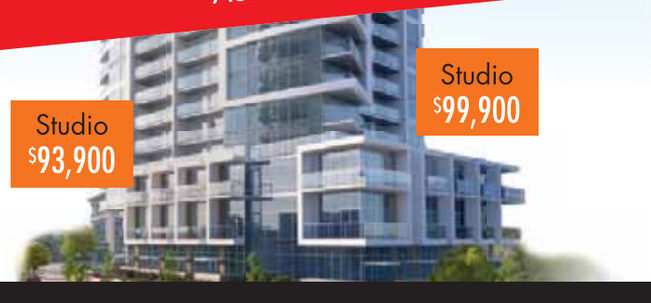

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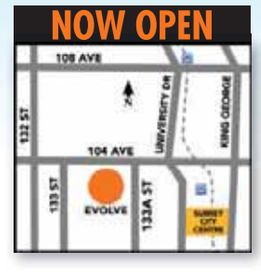

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AN EXCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITY

High above Metrotown, luxurious homes preside above the bustle of the urban centre. The Park Metrotown, by quality home developer Intergulf, is an exclusive opportunity for homeowners to be a part of the action of this growing hub.

"We've been selling very well, partly thanks to our fantastic location — homeowners love it," says Sean Lin, sales manager for The Park Metrotown.

Situated across the street from Bonsor Park and a two-minute walk from Metropolis at Metrotown mall, The Park will be perfectly positioned for residents to take advantage of everything the area has to offer.

The shopping is best in the city. Residents will have the luxury of finding everything they need at the mall's 450 shops and services — just steps from their home at The Park Metrotown.

Need a new wardrobe for spring? You will have many choices at well-known stores like Guess, Coach, Aritzia, H&M, Michael Kors, and many others. Get on the wait list for a new MacBook, buy that much-needed adaptor cable, or pick up the latest TV series box set at tech shops including Apple and Best Buy. The mall offers a wide selection of grocery shopping options for every need, including T&T Supermarket and the Real Canadian Superstore.

But the mall's accessibility and convenience are only half the story, Lin says. Parks and green spaces surround the development, giving residents lots of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors.

Located across the street from The Park Metrotown, Bonsor Park and Recreation Centre offers indoor and outdoor amenities, including a playing field, tennis courts, track and playground. Indoors, they can explore the drop-in fitness classes, the full swimming pool, and many other diverse athletic and cultural activities.

Central Park, the city's green gem, is a 15-minute walk or five-minute bike ride away from The Park. Residents can explore its forest trails and golf course.

"There are so many options for outdoor activities, shopping and recreation here," Lin says.

A PEEK INSIDE THE PARK

Find out what it's really like inside a home at The Park Metrotown by visiting the project's remarkable presentation centre.

"We had a phenomenal opening weekend, with more than 100 homes sold," says Sean Lin, sales manager for The Park Metrotown. "Buyers love our homes and they love our location. There's a lot of excitement about what we're offering."

For those looking to buy a home, The Park's presentation centre offers a peek inside the full two-bedroom display home, giving buyers a feel for the high-quality finishings and smart layout.

To celebrate its initial success, The Park is offering buyers the opportunity to save up to $15,000 on the purchase of a home until the end of March.

"Intergulf, the developer, has put incredible effort into every detail at The Park," Lin says. "See for yourself what makes this Metrotown's best luxury value."

The sales centre is located at 4700 Imperial St., in Burnaby. The centre is opening daily from noon to 5 p.m. (closed Fridays).

For more information, call 604-936-1888, email info@TheParkMetrotown.com, or visit TheParkMetrotown.com.

Treat yourself to five-star, hotel-style amenities

Do you love the spa? Residents at The Park are treated to the five-star hotel experience every day.

"In addition to the best location in Metrotown, people love our five-star, hotel-style amenities," says Sean Lin, sales manager for The Park Metrotown.

The spa feel is immediately apparent when you enter the building, with its grand entry, complete with porte-cochère and four-storey high lobby.

Residents have exclusive access to amenities at The Park, including a 20,000-square-foot wellness centre with European-inspired spa and fully equipped fitness room for cardio and strength training.

For residents of The Park, hydrotherapy pools are one option available at the private spa, which is great for relaxing after a workout.

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"Our residents will get the full spa experience every day, whenever they want it," he says.

The rooftop is another oasis residents can enjoy. The 2,500-square-foot space has an outdoor lounge where residents can relax, and an indoor yoga studio and juice bar where they can regenerate and reinvigorate.

Residents will have many resources to entertain their friends and visitors with, including a private dining room with catering kitchen.

Green thumbs will enjoy the private gardens.

The spa-style details continue inside each one of the one-, two-, and three-bedroom homes, which are built with impeccable attention to detail by Intergulf and professionally designed by award-winning Christina Oberti interior design studio.

The Italian-style kitchens feature Bertazzoni appliances, European-style cabinetry, quartz countertops, wood accents and wide-plank flooring. The generous balconies make it easy for residents to enjoy the panoramic views of city and green space the development affords.

"The views are a great way to impress your visitors," Lin says.

"The views here are a true luxury."

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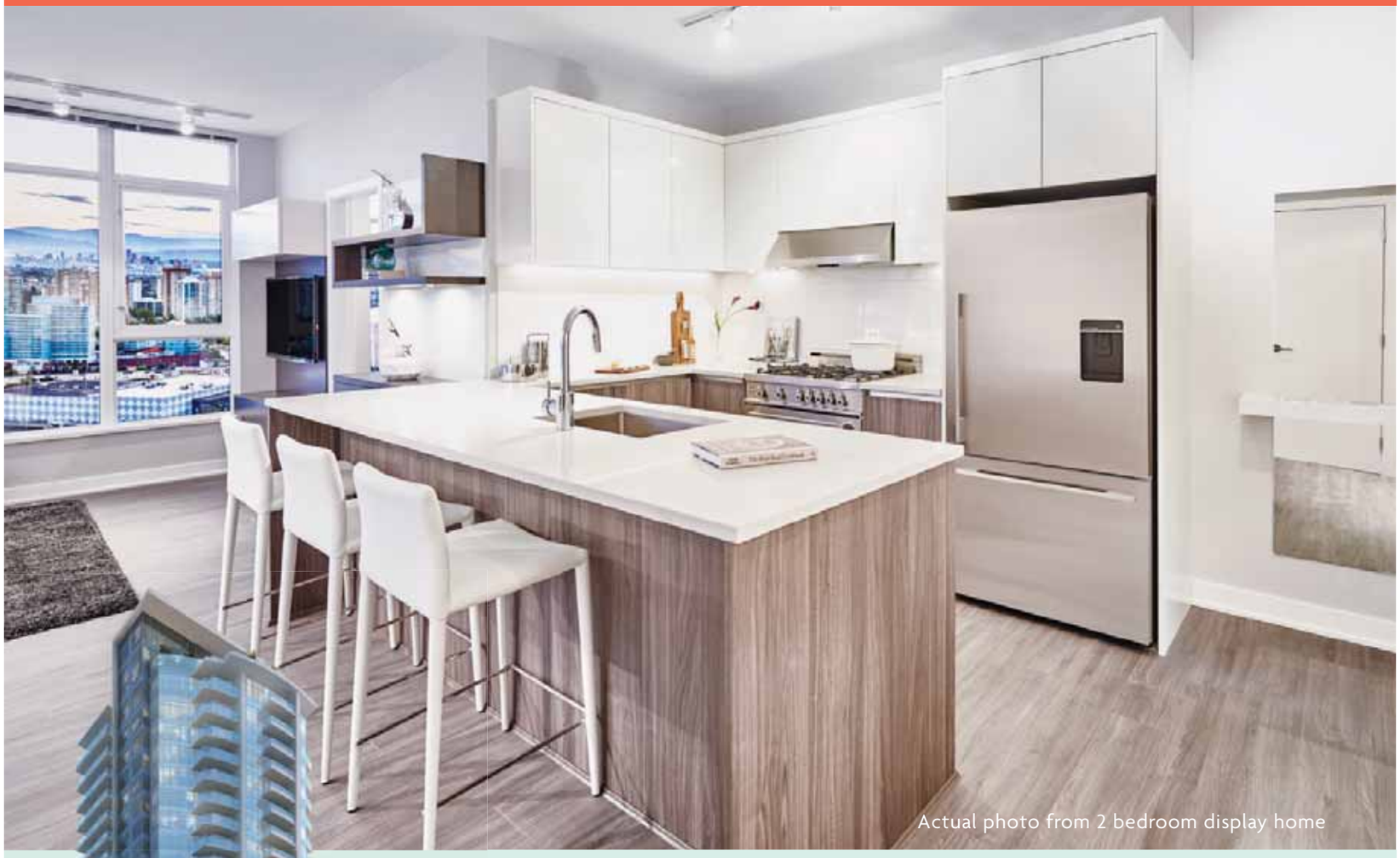

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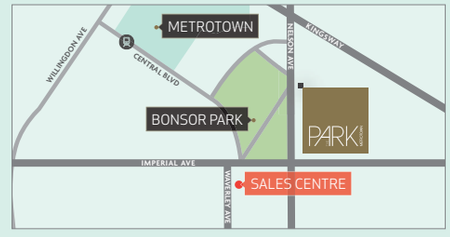

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Rich with activities, possibilities

Living in Coquitlam gives families the best of both worlds. The city's urban centres are surrounded by verdant, well-established parks that make it rich with activities and possibilities.

Hazel, a new collection of homes by Phoenix Homes, provides the perfect jumping off point for everything parents and their kids will want and need.

Green spaces abound, including hiking and walking trails accessible by an easy drive from Hazel. Close to home, the Vancouver Golf Club and Blue Mountain Park provide many activities for families to enjoy.

There are sports, arts and recreation opportunities nearby in the community, too.

Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex holds regular fitness and outdoor programs for kids, including camps, swimming, skating, curling and dance classes.

The Burnaby Public Library Cameron branch is another amenity that's always packed with activities and learning opportunities for kids. Education is a priority in Coquitlam. Hazel's accessibility to schools makes it a great place for elementary and middle-school-aged children. Alderson Elementary is down the street, and Ecole Banting Middle School is within walking distance.

The city also gives its residents every convenience. Lougheed Town Centre is a five-minute drive away and is home to more than 150 shops, restaurants and services including The Bay, H&M, London Drugs and many others.

When residents need to venture into other parts of the Lower Mainland, easy transportation options are accessible from Hazel.

For those travelling by car, Lougheed Highway and the Trans-Canada Highway connect quickly and easily with SFU on Burnaby Mountain or BCIT in Burnaby. Public transit is also easily accessible, allowing residents to get across the Lower Mainland quickly via the nearby Braid SkyTrain station.

The Evergreen Line SkyTrain is in the construction phase, slated to open for fall 2016, and will provide accessible rapid transit through Coquitlam, Burnaby and Port Moody.

PROVEN TRACK RECORD FOR BUILDING FUNCTIONAL HOMES

Phoenix Homes, the developer of Hazel, is an established homebuilder in B.C. with a proven track record for developing beautiful, functional homes in great locations.

The team that would later become Phoenix Homes built its first residence in Vancouver in 1978. Homebuyers started recognizing the outstanding service and quality craftsmanship, and the business snowballed, culminating in the founding of Phoenix Homes in 1999.

To date, the company has built more than 500 homes in six municipalities in the Lower Mainland.

"Phoenix Homes cares about its buyers and takes pride in every home they build," says Kiran Rai, marketing director for Macdonald Realty Platinum Project Marketing. "They hand-pick each property to ensure homebuyers are nested in a vibrant, supportive community."

The company builds from the very best materials and builds every home with an uncompromising commitment to quality.

"The consideration and service that goes into every home is clear when you walk in the door," Rai says.

HOMES THAT WERE MEANT TO BE LIVED IN

Homebuyers don't have to wait for months for their new condo to complete construction.

Hazel, a new collection of 34 homes in Coquitlam, is move-in ready.

"It can be frustrating, especially for families looking for a new home when it sometimes takes months for their new homes to be move-in ready," says Kiran Rai, marketing director for Macdonald Realty Platinum Project Marketing. "Particularly when you're working around school and vacation schedules and your own work schedule."

Prices for the new homes are excellent.

"You won't find a better-priced three-bedroom home in this area," Rai says.

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The one-bedroom, two-bedroom, two-bedroom-and-den, and three-bedroom homes start at $220,900 for a one bedroom, and the three bedrooms start at $350,900.

"We started selling after Hazel's construction was complete, so there are a lot of options available for buyers with no wait time," Rai says.

Residents will appreciate the open floor plan with its nine-foot ceilings, which was designed to let in lots of light and allow easy movement from one space to the next.

The high-quality building materials and finishes make homes at Hazel warm and inviting. Wide-plank laminate flooring in the entryway, kitchen, living and dining rooms is sleek and easy to maintain. Cosy carpeting adds warmth to the bedrooms.

Unlike other new homes in the area, Hazel offers spacious balconies or patios with every home. First-floor homes extend living spaces outdoors with generous patios for lounging and entertaining.

Kitchens at Hazel were made to be enjoyed by the whole family. They are beautiful and functional with sleek wood grain laminate cabinetry, quartz countertops, porcelain high-gloss backsplash tiles, stainless steel appliances, and undercabinet accent lighting that's "great for your prep cook," Rai says.

The stainless steel undermount double bowl sink with contemporary single lever faucet and chrome pull-out spray make cleaning and tidying a breeze.

"Homes at Hazel were designed to be lived in," Rai says.

The Hazel sales centre and display home at #104–827 Roderick Ave., in Coquitlam is open daily from noon to 5 p.m. (except Fridays). For more information, visit liveathazel.com or call 604-937-2599.

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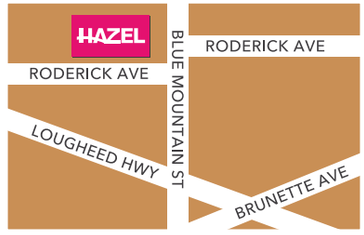

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REFLECTION OF NATURAL SURROUNDINGS

North Vancouver is called the city "where nature lives," for good reason. At West Quay by Polygon, the newest collection of condos in Lower Lonsdale, natural beauty is apparent inside and out.

The collection of homes reflects a modern expression of its natural surroundings from the lobby up. With its natural wood accents and lofty height, the lobby is a polished example of West Coast contemporary architecture.

Inside each home, the West Coast feel continues, including the stunning views. Top-floor homes feature views of downtown Vancouver, Burrard Inlet, English Bay and the North Shore mountains.

"When you look out the window at West Quay, you get mountains, you get city, you get water," says Grace Lim, sales manager of West Quay. "It's a perfect combination of everything that makes Vancouver great, and a daily reminder of what makes West Quay's location so desirable."

Homes feature open living spaces and sophistication that is apparent in the details of the finishings — smooth, engineered stone counters, laminate wood flooring, custom cabinetry and sleek stainless steel appliances. Oversized balconies and patios give residents a place to lounge outdoors.

In the kitchens, custom, contemporary flat-panel cabinetry comes in your choice of two designer colour schemes, and full-size appliances provide residents room and flexibility.

Bathrooms are a treat, offering residents a relaxing place to start and end their days.

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Most ensuites offer a luxurious oversized, spa-style shower with frameless glass doors, a ceiling rain shower head and a second shower head with wand, built-in toiletries niche and integrated bench seating.

Some ensuites also benefit from a custom medicine cabinet and deluxe linen cupboard with built-in ironing board and laundry hamper — great space planning in action.

West Quay also offers opportunities for homeowners to enjoy lifestyle amenities. They will be able to work out thanks to an on-site fitness studio, as well as have access to a space to hold social gatherings indoors in the social room, or outdoors in the building's two grand courtyards.

The development also has commercial retail space in the planning stages, so residents will be able to take advantage of its shops and services at their doorstep.

West Quay features one-, two- and three-bedroom condos, with two bedrooms priced from just $419,900.

For more, visit polyhomes.com.

WEST QUAY HAS BEEN A HIT

Millennials who grew up on the North Shore love their community, says Grace Lim, sales manager of West Quay. When they are buying their first homes, they want to stay there.

"West Quay has been appealing to a lot of first-time buyers who grew up on the North Shore and are now looking to move back and invest in the community they know and love," Lim says.

The people who are buying at West Quay are diverse.

"We're also seeing lots of downsizers because of the walkable location and easy access to so many great amenities," she says.

At the West Quay sales centre, prospective buyers can check out a one-bedroom display that showcases the homes' sleek design and finishes.

The development has been a hit with homebuyers since it started selling in early February, with more than 70 homes sold in the first month.

"We encourage people to come by our sales centre as soon as they can to ensure they get the best selection," Lim says.

The West Quay sales centre is open from noon to 5 p.m. daily, except Friday, at 21 Lonsdale Ave., in North Vancouver.

Friendly, safe and vibrant

Lonsdale Quay remains one of the Lower Mainland's community hubs. With some of the best amenities in North Vancouver, Lower Lonsdale puts everything West Quay residents will need at their doorsteps.

West Quay and its surrounding amenities offer a balanced lifestyle to those lucky enough to live there. The development is situated in a prime location in the heart of Lower Lonsdale, directly across from Waterfront Park.

"We have great restaurants, shops, cafés," says Grace Lim, sales manager of West Quay. "The neighbourhood really does have a great vibe to it. Friendly, safe, vibrant."

Residents have easily accessible dinner options at local hot spots, including Burgoo, Gusto di Quattro, The District, or Anatoli Souvlaki. Enjoy one of the many events held at The Shipyards, the future home of craft beer restaurant Tap & Barrel.

While North Vancouver feels removed from Vancouver downtown, the SeaBus makes it incredibly easy to access. The ride into downtown takes 12 minutes from the Lonsdale Quay terminal, steps away from West Quay.

The natural wonders of the North Shore are equally accessible. North Vancouver has great places to hike, bike, ski or boat, including Grouse Mountain, Capilano Suspension Bridge, Lynn Canyon, Mount Seymour, Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve, and Deep Cove.

The many incredible trails through the West Coast rainforest offer residents a walk in nature for as long as they want, from a half-hour stroll to a daylong marathon hike.

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"It's so green in North Van," Lim says. "You could easily spend every weekend exploring the natural beauty.

"West Quay puts you in the perfect location to live the West Coast dream. That could mean starting your day on the mountains and ending it by the water, fitting in a morning trail run before the office opens, or catching the sunset from your favourite mountain peak."

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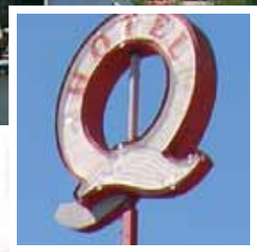

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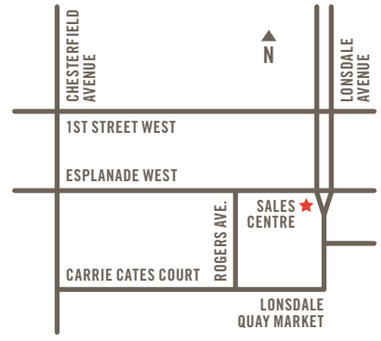

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Bennington House comes to Cambie Village

In Vancouver's growing Cambie Village neighbourhood, green and community go hand-in-hand.

"Cambie Street's residential boom is just getting started," says Anthony Hepworth, president and CEO of Pennyfarthing, the developer of a new boutique collection of homes called Bennington House, located alongside the Cambie Corridor. "Now is the perfect time to invest in this neighbourhood."

The four-storey, wood-frame development designed by leading architectural firm Ramsay Worden Architects, offers 36 apartments, from studios to three-bedrooms, and six two- and three-bedroom townhomes.

Bennington House reflects its natural surroundings with a sophisticated brick and cedar facade.

The homes feature smart design and timeless sophistication. Interiors come in one of two colour schemes by Cristina Oberti Interior Design and lofty ceilings give the homes a gallery-like feel. Flooring is a durable, beautiful engineered hardwood, and expansive windows let in views of the mountains, cityscape and surrounding green space, including Queen Elizabeth Park.

DOORS WILL BE OPENING APRIL 18

Bennington House opens its doors to the public officially the weekend of April 18 and 19 for its grand opening event.
In advance to this, interested parties can contact the sales team at 604-558-1907 or info@benningtonhouse.ca for private previewing opportunities beginning in early April. The presentation centre is located at 3373 Cambie St.

The kitchens at Bennington blend warmth with a luxurious aesthetic, with a refined juxtaposition of natural textures against modern soft-close cabinetry and stainless steel integrated Bosch appliances.

Distinctive bathrooms are a refreshing sanctuary of contemporary design. The luxurious shower and bathtub with Grohe Concetto fixtures provide a perfect beginning or end to each day.

Outdoors, the homes include private, paved courtyard patios or generous balconies for outside entertaining, including wrap-around decks on the Penthouse-level suites.

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"This area is growing fast, but it's also retaining its sense of community," says Hepworth.

Cambie Village nearby is home to many of Vancouver Westside's best shops, restaurants and entertainment.

Exercise and outdoor recreation are close by, including the brand new Hillcrest Community Centre, the iconic Nat Bailey Stadium and Vancouver's highest point, Queen Elizabeth Park, with its immaculately maintained gardens and walking paths.

Located at 4080 Yukon St., Bennington is just one block from King Edward SkyTrain Station, providing quick, convenient access to Vancouver's downtown core.

A rare collection of 42 exquisitely crafted residences at King Edward Station.

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Family is the focus at Maple Heights

Plenty of schools and parks in the area

Sometimes it's the spaces around us that matter most.

At Maple Heights, the first collection of homes in a master-planned community located at 240 Street and Kanaka Way in Maple Ridge, the difference in the neighbourhood is palpable.

"Our site is quite unique," says Vanessa Isler, marketing and sales manager for StreetSide Developments. "This is a very family-oriented community."

Several lush green spaces dot the site plan, connected by meandering paths and boardwalks, as well as a canopied seating area and outdoor children's play area.

The homes at Maple Heights reflect their surroundings and then some. The two- and three-storey, three-bedroom homes have considerable curb appeal.

Their West Coast style architecture, feature roofs, stone accents, wood detailing and earthy colour palette blend are approachable and stylish. Each features a front or rear yard with a generous patio or deck and professional landscaping.

Inside, the homes are designed with distinctive, classic details including shaker-style or flat-panel cabinetry, thick quartz countertops, and stainless steel, energy-efficient appliances.

All the necessities are easily accessible from Maple Heights, making it just as convenient as it is beautiful.

Residents will have their pick of shops and services close by at Haney Place Mall, Maple Ridge Square and Valley Fair Mall.

BUSTLING COMMUNITY

Downtown Maple Ridge is bursting with delicious food and drink options. Meet up with a friend for coffee at Starbucks, Tim Hortons or Kanaka Creek Coffee, or indulge in a seafood lunch or dinner at Austin Fish and Chips or Kingfishers Waterfront Bar and Grill.

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Indoor recreation and entertainment abound at Albion Sports Complex & Fair Grounds, the Maple Ridge Museum, the ACT Arts Centre & Theatre, and more.

Up for an outdoor adventure? Golden Ears Provincial Park and Alouette Lake offer a huge array of hiking trails, along with camping, boating and fishing.

Residents with children at Maple Heights will have a plethora of educational opportunities at their fingertips, including four elementary schools, two secondary schools and one private school — all within short driving distance of the development.

At Maple Heights, residents will be able to treat their friends and meet their neighbours at the private clubhouse, with its fireside lounge and kitchenette — perfect for your next gathering.

When residents need to get into downtown Vancouver, the West Coast Express train is just a five-minute drive away.

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Frank Patrick had assembled a "dream team," in the words of hockey historian and local author Craig Bowlsby.

And to this day, the 1915 Vancouver Millionaires, coached by Patrick and led on the ice by Fred (Cyclone) Taylor and winger Frank Nighbor, are the only hockey team from this city to ever claim a Stanley Cup.

Today marks the 100-year anniversary of the Millionaires' Stanley Cup-clinching win and triumphant sweep of the Ottawa Senators in a best-of-five series at what was then Denman Arena, which opened in 1911 as Canada's first ever artificial ice rink, with seating for more than 10,000 people and once situated at the corner of Denman and Georgia streets.

"It was a glorious time," said Bowlsby of the Millionaires in an interview with Metro.

By 1915, the Vancouver economic boom had well been over, ending in 1913, according to Michael Kluckner, vice-president of the Vancouver Historical Society.

The First World War (1914 to 1918) was into its second year.

"It was overwhelmingly preoccupied with the First World War, with men going overseas, with large numbers of Vancouver men being maimed or killed," said Kluckner, adding Vancouver's population at the time was a little over 100,000 people.

"Then the war came along and it was just terrible at that particular period.

"So you can imagine the hockey at that point being a real bright spot, as sports often are."

A team portrait of the 1915 Stanley Cup champion Vancouver Millionaires. COURTESY HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

The series between the Millionaires and Senators wasn't even close.

The Millionaires defeated the Senators 12-3 in the final game to win the Stanley Cup. They outscored their opponents by a combined score of 26-8.

It was a big win, not only for the Millionaires, but for the forward pass, newly introduced for the first time out west in 1913 by brothers Frank and Lester Patrick.

In Games 1 and 3, the two teams used the western rules of a forward pass. In Game 2, they used eastern rules — no forward pass.

"If they hadn't won in 1915, the whole might've died right there," said Bowlsby.

There was only one glitch: the Senators never actually brought the Stanley Cup out west for the series.

"We're celebrating the 100-year anniversary of Vancouver winning a championship but they went through a lot to win that championship," said Bowlsby.

"They were a dream team. A hundred-year-old dream team."

CELEBRATION

Canucks to honour 1915 championship squad

The Vancouver Canucks will celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the Millionaires' Stanley Cup victory during Thursday's game against the Colorado Avalanche at Rogers Arena.

The Canucks will wear their replica Millionaires jerseys, with in-game profiles of the Patrick brothers — Frank and Lester — as well as Cyclone Taylor.

Cyclone a 'preeminent superstar'

Fred (Cyclone) Taylor
COURTESY HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

In today's hockey speak, NHL general managers look for a few "core" players to build the rest of their team around. For the Vancouver Millionaires in 1915, Fred (Cyclone) Taylor was that player.

Employing a quicker style of hockey that included the forward pass, introduced in the Pacific Coast Hockey Association in 1913, the Patrick brothers, Frank and Lester, set forth to build a championship-contending team around Taylor.

"He was probably the preeminent superstar of his time," said hockey historian and author Craig Bowlsby.

Nicknamed Cyclone for his blazing speed on the ice, Taylor was elected into the Hockey Hall of Fame as a charter member in 1945. He passed away in 1979 at the age of 94.

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The number of points Taylor recorded in the Millionaires' series versus the Senators

Taylor has left a lasting legacy, from a hockey arena in Kerrisdale to championship and team trophies named in his honour to a chain of family-owned sporting goods stores.

The Taylor family still owns Cyclone Taylor Sports, a hockey equipment retail store that originally opened in 1957.

"He was a pretty humble guy, most times. I wish I could have him back now to ask him a million questions," said his grandson, Mark Taylor, who played in the NHL and now co-owns Cyclone Taylor Sports with his brother, Rick.

"He did mention to me about how special it was, how amazing that moment was in time. He did end up making Vancouver his home. It was just something that really bonded him to the city."

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THE MILLIONAIRES' MANSION Denman Arena, home of the Vancouver Millionaires. It was once situated at the corner of Denman and Georgia streets. COURTESY VANCOUVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

FIGURE SKATING

Canadian pair in front in Shanghai

Canadians Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford skated a flawless short program to take a commanding lead in the pairs at the world figure skating championships on the opening day Wednesday in Shanghai.

Duhamel, from Lively, Ont., and Radford, from Balmertown, Ont., undefeated in five international competitions this season, scored 76.98 points to take a four-point lead over Chinese veterans Pang Qing and Tong Jian, who came out of retirement to compete on home ice in their 16th world championships.

Another Chinese pair, Sui Wenjing and Han Cong, were third.

In ice dancing, Madison Chock and Evan Bates will attempt to become just the second American duo to win a world title after taking the lead in the short dance.

Kaitlyn Weaver and Andrew Poje of Waterloo, Ont., were second, and defending world champions Anna Cappellini and Luca Lanotte of Italy were third.

> **It brings us back to the familiar feeling of everyday at training.**
> Meagan Duhamel on skating to music by Ginette Reno

Duhamel said she and Radford chose to skate to a song by the French-Canadian singer Ginette Reno because of the luck Reno brought the Montreal Canadiens in the NHL playoffs last year. Reno sang the national anthem before every home game, spurring the Canadiens to victory in the first two rounds. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Eric Radford and Meagan Duhamel in Shanghai on Wednesday.
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IN BRIEF

Noel says bye to Giants
The Vancouver Giants and interim head coach Claude Noel have parted ways, the local Western Hockey League club announced in a statement Wednesday.

In the release, owner Ron Toigo said Noel wanted to pursue opportunities in pro hockey.

The former head coach of the Winnipeg Jets, Noel took over the coaching duties with the Giants on Nov. 30, after the club fired Troy Ward, who was originally hired in July.

The Giants will also have the third overall pick in May's WHL Bantam Draft, following Wednesday's lottery.
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Whitecaps' Manneh suspended one game
Vancouver Whitecaps forward Kekuta Manneh has been suspended one game by Major League Soccer, which means he will miss Saturday's derby match against the Portland Timbers at BC Place Stadium. According to the MLS website, a challenge from Manneh in the 65th minute of last weekend's game against Orlando City SC, "... endangered the safety of an opponent."

The Whitecaps also announced the signing of 33-year-old striker Robert Earnshaw, who attended the club's training camp on trial.
CAM TUCKER/METRO

Minnesota joins MLS
Major League Soccer has committed to Minnesota, awarding an expansion franchise to start playing in 2018 with the expectation an outdoor stadium will be built before then.

Bill McGuire, the former health-care executive and current owner of the Minnesota United club in the second-tier North American Soccer League, has assembled a group of investors including the owners of MLB's Twins and the NBA's Timberwolves. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canucks prospect Brendan Gaunce skates with Team Canada during a junior evaluation camp in August 2013 in Lake Placid, N.Y.
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Gaunce turning heads at AHL Utica

CANUCKS PROSPECTS REPORT

Centre has 'taken some nice strides' as 20-year-old

Cam Tucker
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Of all Vancouver's first-round draft picks since 2011, Brendan Gaunce may have seemed like the forgotten one.

He didn't come with the same hype as Bo Horvat or Hunter Shinkaruk in 2013, or Jake Virtanen in last year's draft. And Nicklas Jensen, selected in the first round of the 2011 draft, has already had a taste of life in the big league, though he still has yet to stick full-time with the Canucks.

Yet Gaunce has put together a decent rookie season with the Utica Comets, the Canucks' AHL affiliate, moving to eighth in team scoring while shifting from centre to left wing.

In a phone interview Monday, head coach Travis Green admitted Gaunce, with 11 goals and 25 points, has exceeded his expectations.

Among Green's initial concerns for Gaunce was pace of play.

"I did have my worries from what I saw in Penticton," said Green, referring to the Canucks prospects tournament in September.

One thing Green says has helped Gaunce succeed so far is his maturity — accepting whatever role, even one he wouldn't be accustomed to, an opportunity he's been given, and that has included time on what would be considered Utica's fourth line.

"I think that's helped when he's gone through tough times," said Green. "He's taken some nice strides."

As Gaunce's play has improved, he's been given more responsibility, such as time on the power play and penalty kill. And the offensive production has slowly started to come on.

"It's not a coincidence," said Green. "He's accepted everything he's gotten."

With a plethora of first-round picks down on the farm, including Jensen, with 12 goals and 23 points this season, and Shinkaruk, with 10 goals and 21 points, Green says he hears plenty about the prospects and their production — or, at times, lack of.

Consistency, he says, is the biggest key.

"Being able to play well when you're not on your 'A' game," he said. "Play the game to win, then that usually solves everything. That sounds simple but that's really hard to get through to young players."

UP NEXT FOR THE CANUCKS

Avs come to town
The Vancouver Canucks will look to extend their current winning streak to four games when they host the Colorado Avalanche on Thursday.

The Canucks, with 43 wins, including five in the last six games, and 90 points on the season, can also increase their lead for second in the Pacific Division, with only nine games remaining in their regular season.

On Wednesday, the club reassigned defenceman Adam Clendening to AHL Utica.

NBA

Raptors clinch playoff spot despite loss

On a night the Toronto Raptors lost to the Chicago Bulls, they clinched their second consecutive playoff spot.

It took losses by Boston and Charlotte for Toronto to secure its post-season spot — a fitting turn of events for a Raptors team mired in a miserable slump.

"There are no moral victories in this league, it's win or lose, make or miss league," said coach Dwane Casey.

Greivis Vasquez had six three-pointer in a 22-point performance, but it wasn't enough as the Raptors fell apart over the final eight minutes en route to a 116-103 loss.

"We played hard, came out with a lot of intensity, aggressive," said DeMar DeRozan, who had 20 points on the night. "That's one thing we definitely can take from it, we had the game in our hands for most part of the game and we've got to understand six, seven more minutes of that, we win the game."

Jimmy Butler topped the Bulls (44-29) with 23 points, while Aaron Brooks added 16.

Lou Williams added 18 points for the Raptors (42-3), who were playing without injured all-star Kyle Lowry (sore back). Terrence Ross finished with 16, and Jonas Valanciunas grabbed 12 rebounds.

The Raptors have lost three of their last four, and 12 of their last 17— not the way they want to head into the post-season.
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Vrbata's scoring boosts hopes

THE HOCKEY NEWS

Matt Larkin

Radim Vrbata has made believers out of many Canucks followers with his 29-goal season in Vancouver. RICH LAM/GETTY IMAGES

A team constantly teetering on the brink of a playoff race attracts lots of doom and gloom in column spaces like this one, but sometimes it's only fair to take a moment and raise a glass for a job well done. It's time we toasted Radim Vrbata and the man who signed him this past summer, GM Jim Benning.

I'm the first to admit I was lukewarm at best toward the Canucks inking Vrbata. It wasn't because he had nothing to offer them. It was that he was 33 and fresh off two straight seasons of declining goal production. The Canucks projected as a bubble team, and adding a veteran of Vrbata's ilk would only help them limp toward a No. 9 seed.

But I underestimated what Vrbata brought to the table. In the past six seasons he has more goals than Anze Kopitar, Ryan Kesler and Claude Giroux, just to cite examples of guys who've played a similar amount of games.

That's sneaky impressive considering the company Vrbata has kept since a July 2009 trade brought him to Arizona for a second and much more extended visit. Year in and year out, those Coyotes teams struggled to generate offense.

Vrbata had centers like Matthew Lombardi and Martin Hanzal, decent players but hardly the types known for elite playmaking ability. Vrbata still managed a 35-goal campaign in 2011-12. So maybe his overall skill was masked in the desert.

It certainly appears that way based on how Vrbata's played for Vancouver. Henrik and Daniel Sedin, even in their mid-30s, immediately were Vrbata's best offensive linemates ever. He responded with a strong first half that landed him at the 2015 All-Star Game.

Even more impressive, though? Vrbata's play during this crucial home stretch. His two-goal, three-point effort Tuesday night gave him seven points in his past three games. He has seven goals, including three game-winners, and 14 points in March.

All of that despite being moved to the second line and seeing a lot of his time with the likes of Nick Bonino and Chris Higgins. Vrbata has helped the Canucks begin to remedy their crucial deficiency in secondary scoring.

His 29 goals in 70 games at a $5-million cap hit amount to $172,413.79 per goal. That's nice bang for Benning's buck. Steven Stamkos averages $187,500.00 for each goal. League leader Alex Ovechkin? $202,936.17.

The streaking Canucks can really smell the playoffs now, and Vrbata deserves as much credit as anyone for that.

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Canada eyes hosting gig for 2026 men's World Cup

SOCCER

U.S. was last CONCACAF country to host tourney, in '94

Canada will still be thinking World Cup once the women's showcase tournament ends July 5. The Canadian Soccer Association will then turn its attention to the 2026 men's World Cup.

The CSA has already gone on the record in declaring its interest in hosting the men's event, which last took place in CONCACAF, which covers North and Central America and the Caribbean, in 1994 in the U.S.

FIFA's executive committee has now gotten the ball rolling. The first set of documents asking for declarations of interest will go to the 209 member associations likely in June with a decision on the host country planned for the FIFA Congress in May 2017.

Is it Canada's turn?

"Our focus is on the women's World Cup and executing that because, if we don't execute that, it's not going to be a good segue into us looking to bid for 2026," CSA president Victor Montagliani said in an interview Wednesday.

> **"I don't think, when push comes to shove, that finding eight venues is going to be a challenge."**
> CSA president Victor Montagliani

"Once the women's World Cup is over, then we'll start looking at 2026 and seeing what we need to do to put together a bid."

Preliminary discussions with various stakeholders have already taken place.

"Obviously there is interest there," Montagliani said, noting that Canada is the only G-8 nation not to host the World Cup.

Come this summer, Canada will have hosted every CONCACAF championship and every FIFA event except for the world futsal, beach and club championships and the Confederations Cup.

Should Canada throw its hat in the ring, it will be a solo rather than joint bid, he said.

In the past, host countries have used eight to 10 stadiums, although Canada has taken note of 2022 host Qatar's plan to use just eight.

"I think eight's probably a good number," said Montagliani.

This summer's women's World Cup is being staged in six Canadian cities — Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Montreal, Ottawa and Moncton.

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SOCCER GERMANY, AUSTRALIA PLAY TO A DRAW Australia's Jason Davidson knocks down the ball as Germany's Karim Bellarabi applies pressure during a friendly soccer match in Kaiserslautern, Germany, on Wednesday. Germany substitute Lukas Podolski scored in the 81st minute to salvage a 2-2 draw for the World Cup holders. Joachim Loew's side has won only three of seven games since winning the World Cup last July. DANIEL ROLAND/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

BASKETBALL

Canadian roster in flux for qualifier

Canada's path to the 2016 Rio Olympics became clearer Wednesday with the draw for the FIBA Americas men's basketball qualifying tournament.

What remains unclear is what Canada's team will look like.

"We still have a lot of work to do as far as figuring out who's going to be available and what the time commitments with their NBA teams or European teams are going to be, how flexible those teams are going to be in letting us use those players for this event," Canada's coach Jay Triano said on a conference call. "And for the Pan American Games, for that matter."

Jay Triano
GETTY IMAGES FILE

Canada was drawn Wednesday in Group B with Argentina, Puerto Rico, Venezuela and Cuba for the FIBA Americas Olympic qualifying tournament, Aug. 25 to Sept. 6 in Monterrey, Mexico.

Triano said he has about 30 players in the national team mix, and could see a variety of players spread between the Pan American Games, July 10 to 26 in Toronto, and the FIBA Americas tournament,

The Pan Am Games conflict with the NBA summer league, and young players such as Andrew Wiggins, Nik Stauskas and Tyler Ennis could be required to play there rather than Toronto.

The Canadian men are gunning for their first Olympic berth since the 2000 Games in Sydney. A top-two finish in Mexico will clinch them an Olympic spot. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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NBA

Warriors want more than division title

One goal down, still more to go.

That's the message the Golden State Warriors are giving after winning the Pacific Division for the first time in 39 years. Now they're trying to secure the Western Conference's No. 1 seed and home-court advantage throughout the playoffs for the first time since the defending champion Warriors did it in the 1975-76 season.

"We all know the main goal, but baby steps," forward Draymond Green said. "You have to reach certain milestones to get to the main goal, and this is one of them."

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The Warriors' franchise record for wins in a season is 59. The current team (58-13) has 11 regular-season games left.

IN BRIEF

Metta World Peace moving to Italian league

Former NBA all-star Metta World Peace has signed with Italian team Pallacanestro Cantu for the remainder of the season.

Cantu confirmed the news, calling it "the coup of the century."

World Peace, who changed his name from Ron Artest, was playing for the Sichuan Blue Whales in the Chinese Basketball Association after a long NBA career.

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Andrew Wiggins could be a key player for Team Canada.
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This is a great and flavourful vegetarian dish. Chickpeas are loaded with protein and fibre and can reduce bad cholesterol, as well as help to keep your weight in control.

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 F. Cut the pita into four wedges, then slice horizontally to make eight wedges. Spray pita wedges with vegetable oil. Sprinkle with chili powder, salt and pepper. Place on a baking sheet and bake for 5 minutes, or just until lightly browned and crisp.

2. In a small bowl, mix mayonnaise, yogurt, sesame oil, soy sauce and tahini until smooth. Add a little water if too thick. Set aside.

3. On serving platter add chickpeas, tomatoes, cucumber, green onions, cilantro, tahini dressing, salt and pepper. Mix well and serve with pita crisps.

Ingredients
- 1 large whole wheat pita pocket
- 1/8th tsp chili powder
- Salt and pepper
- 1/3 cup low fat mayonnaise
- 3 tbsp low fat yogurt
- 4 tsp sesame oil
- 4 tsp soy sauce
- 1 tbsp tahini sauce
- 1 (15 oz) can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 2 cups cubed plum tomatoes, seeded
- 2 cups cubed English cucumber, skin on
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1/3 cup chopped cilantro or mint

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 370
- Protein 12.9 g
- Carbohydrates 59.4 g
- Fibre 6.8 g
- Total fat 10.9 g
- Saturated fat 1.6 g
- Cholesterol 2.6 mg
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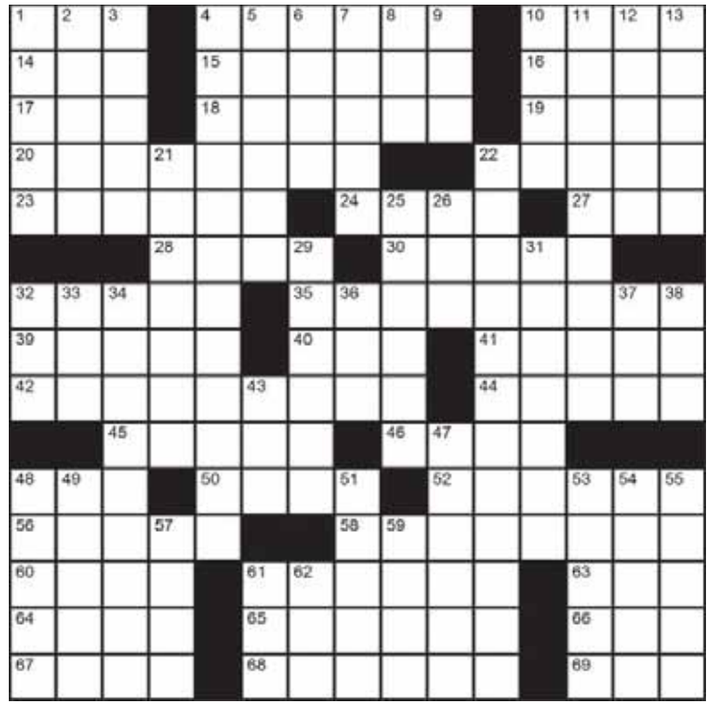

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1. Singer, __ _. Sure!
4. Trapped
10. Concert blasters
14. Spring mo.
15. Time on the job
16. Taste: French
17. Scissor Sisters singer Ms. Matronic
18. Canadian actress Ms. De Carlo
19. __ of Man
20. Rotating part of the cutting-a-human-in-half magic trick: 2 wds.
22. Leg part
23. Stored, as farm fodder
24. Shoreline surface sometimes
27. Naja Haje
28. Ms. Thurman's
30. Countrified
32. Trendy spot in Calgary, __ Loop
35. Enormity
39. Monastery boss
40. 'Social' suffix
41. Actor Alan
42. Person of North America, e.g.: acr. + wd.
44. Danish physicist Mr. Bohr (b.1885 - d.1962)
45. __ de menthe
46. "Ac-Cent-__-Ate the Positive"
48. He said/__ said
50. Pink: Spanish
52. Lobster: French
56. Pub orders
58. Dart-thrower's target
60. Guess Who's "Hang __ __ Your Life"
61. Media giant that owns Paramount Pictures
63. Lass
64. Shrek's species
65. Playing loudly, as music
66. Magician's name suffix
67. Shortage
68. Orchestra instruments
69. Web feed syst. for updates

DOWN
1. Collect
2. Hawaiian-style veranda
3. Messy fight
4. "__ __ with Jeanne Beker", new on The Shopping Channel
5. Reno's state
6. Give _ __ (Show approval)
7. Old alphabetic symbols
8. 'East' suffix
9. Mr. Brun, cocktail expert on CBC's "Steven and Chris"
10. Opposin'
11. Jess __ (Country songstress from Saskatchewan)
12. Removes
13. Very vertical
21. Glassy spot in Lady Gaga's "Born This Way"
22. Actor who stars as police officer Nick Barron on Bravo's "19-2": 2 wds.
25. Montreal 'money'
26. Religious job
29. Poses, Tyra Banks style
31. Glass-roofed building lobbies
32. Egyptian __ (Cat breed)
33. Crunched muscles, for short
34. _ _ _ _ (Corner of Wellington/Simcoe office tower in Toronto)
36. Dined
37. "Rugrats" character
38. NnNnn
43. Texter's point-of-view
47. Prefix meaning 'Green'
48. Soup-eater's need
49. Door part
51. Have _ __ (Enjoy!)
53. Norse sea god
54. Gosling and Reynolds
55. Eateries, e.g.
57. Square-__, as some shoes
59. Golden State sch. with a Berkeley campus
61. Central-__
62. "May _ __ excused?" (Supper table request)

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You will receive the kind of news that that could make you money. The only problem is you don't seem to realize how good it is or how lucrative it could be. Open your eyes.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
It is all coming right for you and over the next few days you will benefit in ways you cannot yet imagine. With Venus, your ruler, moving through your birth sign you cannot possibly lose, in love or in luck.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Anyone who thinks you are superficial does not know you very well at all. Over the next few days you will be looking for answers to some of life's really big questions.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This is a good day to chat with friends and plan social outings. But don't take up too many invitations between now and the weekend. You won't be popular if you have to cancel some of them.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You are going to be thinking a lot about your work and your reputation over the next few days. But don't make any big decisions concerning your career because even better options will reveal themselves early next week.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If someone says you should not be concerned about what is going on in your social circle you will go out of your way to find out more. What you discover will astound you.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You have been worrying about your money situation for no good reason and over the next few days you will see solutions where before you saw only problems.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You are conflicted whether to get involved in a feud that is not any of your business but which you know you could resolve if people would listen. Go on, take a chance.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a good time to think of ways to reduce your daily chores and also to improve your health. You may not be able to make any major changes for two or three weeks but make plans now.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Your confidence is improving and it won't be long before your positive attitude brings positive results. People will sense your self-assurance and want to do things for you.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may like to pretend that you are self-sufficient and don't need assistance but you need to be honest with yourself today. If you don't get help with what is bothering you it will get worse.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You will find it much easier now to express yourself and others will find it easier to understand what you are trying to say. The words will flow.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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Offer includes delivery, destination, fees and $5,800 in cash credit*. Offer based on new 2015 Sorento LX AT (SR75BF) with a selling price of $28,782¤.

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